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Andropov hand seen in pope plot

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — The attempt to kill Pope John Paul II last year might have resulted from "a secret death sentence pronounced against him by the Soviet KGB," a former Polish ambassador asserted here Thursday.

Zdzislaw Ruzharski, who quit as ambassador to Poland, said such a death sentence might have been authorized by Yuri Andropov, then chief of the KGB (secret police). He is now the top Soviet leader, heading the Soviet Communist Party.

But Ruzharski gave no proof of his statements, made at a press conference organized by the Council for the Defense of Freedom, a private anti-Communist U.S. group.

The defunct ambassador was sentenced to death in Poland last Friday. He said Wednesday that would not halt his efforts "to unmask the true image" of the Soviet Union and the "junta" it imposed on Poland.

Meanwhile, in Sofia, Justice Minister Mrs. Svetla Daskalova has written to invite to Bulgaria the Italian judge investigating the attempted assassination of the pope. It was reported Wednesday night. The Bulgarian news agency BTA said her letter to Italy's justice minister also offered to cooperate with Italy in the investigation.

Her letter also proposed cooperation to investigate the smuggling of narcotics, weapons, and currency. BTA said. In Italy Tuesday a warrant was issued for the arrest of an alleged Turkish crime boss Bekir Celenk, who was arrested in Bulgaria Dec. 9.

India, Pakistan set up joint panel

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (AP) — India and Pakistan hammered out the final details of a joint commission Thursday and exchanged partial lists of prisoners in each other's jails. Two important steps aimed at healing relations wounded by three wars and a continuing dispute over Kashmir.

The agreement establishing the India-Pakistan joint commission was initiated Thursday by Indian foreign secretary D.J. Rasgotra and his Pakistani counterpart, Niaz Naik. It will be signed in early March by the two foreign ministers. P.V. Narasimha Rao for India and Yaqub Khan for Pakistan. They will be its co-chairmen.

Khan will be in New Delhi, then with the Pakistani delegation to the non-aligned summit, and Indian government spokesman Mani Shanker Aiyar said that would be the first convenient time for the two ministers to meet and conclude the agreement.

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Poland releases political internees

WARSAW, Dec. 23 (R) — Polish authorities said Thursday they had freed all political internees held under martial law but had arrested and kept in detention seven top officials of the Solidarity independent union.

The official PAP news agency said that in connection with the suspension of martial law Dec. 31, "the minister of internal affairs ordered the release of all internees by Dec. 23. Internment centers are liquidated."

But it said legal proceedings were going on against seven of the internees, and they were arrested. The announcement that all internees were released, made two days before Christmas, was also broadcast on the state radio's newscast and published in the newspapers.

Those arrested were: Andrzej Gwiazda, Serwiny Jaworski, Marian Jurczyk, Karol Modzelewski, Grzegorz Palka, Andrzej Rozpłochowski and Jan R. Lewski.

The PAP statement did not say under what charges the men were being investigated. When the military took over last December they declared that those internees would not be charged for any activities before martial law but said this did not apply to serious crimes against the state.

Four other internees, leading members of the dissident group and prominent advisers to the banned Solidarity union, were arrested in September and transferred to prisons from internment.

Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader who was the first top union official to be freed last month, greeted the news of the freeing of the others with joy but regretted that some had been kept detained.

A spokesman at his home in Gdansk said Walesa was saddened by the arrest of seven of his colleagues and would do all in his power to struggle for their freedom. Three leading union officials whose families also feared they would be arrested, were not arrested and were expected to be freed Thursday.

They were: Tadeusz Mazowiecki, founder of the weekly union paper *Tygodnik Mazowiecki*, Bronislaw Geremek, a top adviser, and Janusz Onyszkiewicz, the former union spokesman.

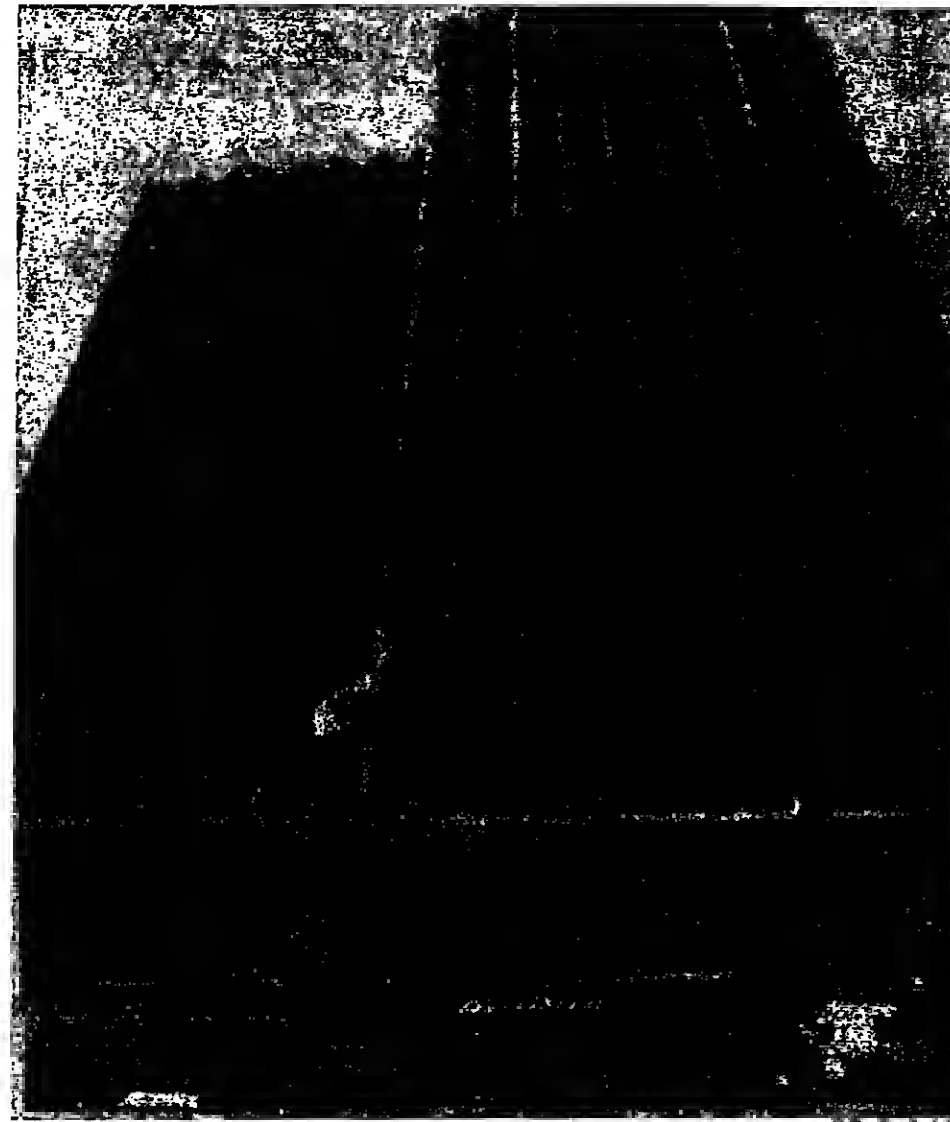
Gourmets cool to French crisis

PARIS, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Crisis or no crisis, the French will consume 26,000 tons of oysters, four million turkeys and an incalculable number of duck and geese over Christmas and the New Year, trade estimates showed Thursday.

Lobsters, prawns and yuccas (140 tons in the Paris area alone) will join in the festivities, along with foie gras, smoked salmon and caviar.

The top caviar retailer in Paris will have sold several tons at up to \$55 for 3.5 ounces. This same store is selling three tons of smoked salmon.

The world-famous gourmet store of Fauchon says it is currently serving up to 10,000 customers a day. It does about 40 percent of the year's business around Christmas and New Year.



SCENE OF BLAST: Westfield Towers, which houses the Israeli Consulate, was rocked by a powerful bomb blast Thursday.

Blast destroys Israeli consulate in Australia

SYDNEY, Dec. 23 (AP) — A powerful bomb blast Thursday wrecked the Israeli Consulate offices in Sydney, injuring two people, a second explosion, about five hours later, ripped the underground garage of a Jewish club, but caused no injuries, police said.

In a third incident, police evacuated guests from the Cosmopolitan Motor Inn in Sydney's predominantly Jewish Double Bay district, after a telephone bomb threat was received. Police searched the hotel for a bomb, but it was not immediately known if one was found.

The first bomb tore through solid concrete walls at the consulate on the seventh floor of Westfield Towers here, police and witnesses said.

Witnesses said the second blast, at the Hakoah Club, damaged a number of cars in the underground garage.

Israeli Consul-General Dr. Moshe Liba, who was in his office when the bomb went off, said police told him they had received a telephone call from a woman with an English accent claiming the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was responsible.

But police were unable to confirm Dr. Liba's statement and Ali Kazak, director of the Palestine Information Office in Australia, told Reuters from his Melbourne office: "We deny that the PLO had anything to do with this incident."

An elderly woman suffered serious injuries to her hand in the first explosion and another person was hospitalized with unspecified injuries, police said. There was no immediate word on the conditions of the victims, who were not identified.

Police said the consulate bomb, planted outside a door on the seventh floor leading to the fire stairs, tore a hole through solid concrete walls and blasted doors from their hinges.

Insurance broker Paul Nethery, 33, was in his office on the sixth floor almost directly below the explosion. "The force of the blast threw me out of my chair and on to the floor," he said, "then I was swamped by debris falling through the ceiling." He was treated for shock by paramedics.

The building also houses the consulates of

Spain, Italy and Hungary, the offices of two former Australian prime ministers, Sir William McMahon and Gough Whitlam as well as a judicial inquiry into drug trafficking in Australia.

Kevin Newman, Australia's administrative services minister, said the government had mobilized an elite anti-terrorist group in the capital, Canberra, to co-ordinate police action in the search for the bombers.

Sydney synagogues and other Jewish meeting places were placed under surveillance while security at diplomatic offices and residences was increased, the minister said.

Newman said the government deplored the bombings no matter who was responsible. He also announced that the government had formed a new security body to protect embassies and consulates. The new organization, called the Commonwealth protective security force, had been planned for some time and the timing of the announcement of its formation was coincidental, he added.

Selective condolences

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (AFP) — A row has broken out in Israel over sympathy messages written by Premier Menachem Begin to families of Israeli soldiers killed in Lebanon because he did not send them to families who publicly criticized the invasion.

The discrimination, reported by the Israeli press Thursday, came to light when the mother of a sergeant killed in the campaign complained to the prime minister's office about not getting a letter. She had taken part in demonstrations against the Israeli invasion.

But a spokesman for Begin said that certain families were not sent the letter for fear that it might provoke greater unhappiness among them.

The leadership of the Labor Party's youth section protested "the politicization" of suffering by the present government. The latest death toll, issued by the military, for the Lebanon campaign now stands at 457.

U.S. evading disarmament offer, Soviets say

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AP) — Two Soviet officials said the immediate Western rejection of the latest Kremlin disarmament proposal proves the allies do not seek a reduction in nuclear arms in Europe.

"In a couple of Atlantic states are people who... without looking closely at them, are in a hurry to dismiss (Soviet) proposals," said Wednesday Vadim V. Zagladin, an official of the Communist Party central committee's international department. He claimed at a press conference that the United States is consistently evading all Soviet disarmament proposals.

The latest Soviet proposal was made Tuesday by party chief Yuri V. Andropov, who said the Soviets are prepared to cut the Soviets' medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe to a level matching those of the French and British. The proposal seemed contingent upon NATO scrapping its plans to deploy 572 U.S. medium-range missiles starting late next year. He also called for cuts in Soviet and NATO nuclear bombers stationed in Europe, during a 62-minute address observing the 60th anniversary of

the Soviet state.

Western military analysts say the Soviets have deployed 333 triple-headed SS-20 rockets, which the new U.S. missiles in Western Europe are to counter. Two-thirds of the SS-20s are stationed in the European part of the Soviet Union, or just east of the Ural Mountains and are capable of striking NATO targets, analysts say.

Andropov said the Soviets were prepared to have "not one more" missile or strategic aircraft than the British or French, whose missile arsenals total 162. But he did not say whether the Soviets proposed to dismantle their SS-20s to meet the lower figure, or merely to move them.

U.S. State Department spokesman John Hughes said in Washington on Tuesday that the proposal was "unacceptable" because it would not eliminate the Soviet missiles' potential threat to NATO, while leaving NATO without an arsenal to counter the Soviet threat, NATO ministers earlier this month reiterated their plans for deploying the Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles if no agreement is reached at U.S.-Soviet Euro-

Lebanon, Israel 'to normalize ties'

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Israel and Lebanon will open negotiations early next week on normalizing relations, security arrangements and the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, the government announced Thursday.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's spokesman, Uri Porat, issued the announcement, saying that talks would be held alternately in the Beirut suburb of Khalde and Kiryat Shmona, on Israel's northern border. He did not say which day the talks would open, or in which country the first session would be held.

Earlier unofficial reports said the first session might be held Friday in the South Beirut suburb of Halde.

Officials briefing reporters said the talks probably would open in Khalde Monday or Tuesday, and then shift to Kiryat Shmona after the first break for consultations.

The Israeli announcement again emphasized that normal relations will be on the agenda, even though Lebanese officials say Lebanon does not want to go beyond the rest of the Arab world in building normal ties with the Jewish state before there is an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said Wednesday that normalization was a "central issue" along with security arrangements that would ensure that Israel never be threatened by Palestinian commandos from Lebanon.

Porat said the Israeli delegation would be headed by David Kimche, director-general of the foreign ministry. Other members would be Maj. Gen. Avraham Tamir, head of the army's planning division, Elyahu Rubinstein, the foreign ministry's legal adviser, Yitzhak Lior, the foreign ministry's representative in Beirut, and two brigadier generals, Uri Saguy and Amos Gliboa.

Sharon, who claims credit for arranging the talks during two months of contacts with the Lebanese, said the United States will be invited to join "not as mediators but as participants."

The defense minister said the United States would be welcome to sign the agreement as witnesses, or to guarantee it, but he stressed that Israel and Lebanon were to

negotiate directly.

He expected the negotiations to result in a non-belligerency agreement, that would ultimately lead to a peace treaty. "I personally believe Lebanon will be the second Arab country which will have a peace agreement with Israel," Sharon told reporters Wednesday during a tour of the border with Egypt in the occupied Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile the Lebanese Army Thursday prepared a seaside hotel south of Beirut for the upcoming talks.

Lebanese soldiers were busy cleaning mirrors and glass, dusting tables and chairs in the ground-floor lobby and the conference hall in the seven-story Lebanon Beach Hotel in suburban Khalde, 12 kilometers south of Beirut's center.

Shell holes and bullet scars from last summer's fighting during Israel's invasion to drive Palestinian commandos out of Lebanon have been plastered over. Blown-off window frames and glass were replaced.

Israeli newsmen and television crews swarmed around the site, which is in Israeli-held territory, and three Israeli tanks were stationed about 400 meters north of the hotel.

The hotel's owner, Dr. Kamal Salman, said Israeli radio and television crews informed him the talks were set for 11 a.m. (0900GMT) Friday but he received no word on that from the Lebanese government or army.

King Hussein briefs U.S. army chiefs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan gave top U.S. military chiefs his assessment of peace prospects in the Middle East and discussed his needs for ammunition and other military supplies.

Senior defense officials said there were "no dramatic items" such as mobile improved Hawk air-defense missiles or F-20 fighter planes on the agenda for discussion. The meeting was king's second visit to the Pentagon in as many days.

These officials, who asked to remain anonymous, described the Jordanian ruler's call on the members of the joint chiefs of staff as principally a "get acquainted session," since three of the five chiefs have taken office since Hussein last met with the panel more than a year ago.

Several of the U.S. military chiefs, speaking privately, said the session with King Hussein was intended to give the Jordanian ruler an opportunity to discuss what was described as a long list of "odds and ends" of military equipment he wants to support his 72,000-man army and air force.

Hussein was scheduled to meet President Ronald Reagan on Thursday for the second time — a last-minute addition to his agenda aimed at pressing for continued momentum in the U.S. Middle East peace initiative, a high State Department official said.

The U.S. plan — which King Hussein has not formally endorsed — calls for creation of a Palestinian entity in association with Jordan and negotiations between Jordan and Israel with at least the tacit backing of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Sri Lanka extends parliament's term

COLOMBO, Dec. 23 (R) — Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene Thursday signed into law a constitutional amendment extending parliament's term for six years from next August without a general election.

His action followed endorsement of the amendment by a majority of more than 500,000 votes in a national referendum Wednesday.

According to final results released earlier Thursday, officials said 3,141,223 people voted in favor of the extension and 2,605,903 against it.

Jayewardene said he needed to retain the present parliament to complete work on his reform programs, but opposition parties attacked the move as dictatorial.

The amendment was passed by parliament last month with more than the required two-thirds majority but under the constitution it had to be approved by a referendum.

Jayewardene, re-elected in the presidential election last October, said he needed a stable legislature to complete his work.

The president's United National Party holds 143 of the 168 seats in the parliament elected in 1977. The opposition parties campaigned against the amendment and demanded a general election when parliament's term ends next August.

Jayewardene argued that by re-electing him last October, the people had indicated they wanted him to continue his policies. "It is essential to ensure for a further term the stability necessary for the continuation of the program undertaken for the advancement and progress of the people," he said.

Jayewardene has established a presidential system of government.

A step toward cashless age

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (R) — Japan took another step into the cashless age Thursday with the introduction of public telephones operated by magnetized cards instead of coins.

The state-run telephone company said the first new telephone was installed today in central Tokyo's Ginza area and would be followed by 76 Friday, with 300 more planned by March.

"Calling cards" cost from 500 to 5,000 yen (about \$2 to 20), it said.

UNICEF aid reached Yemen within 36 hours

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 23 — UNICEF supplies were given to two hospitals within 36 hours of earthquake in the Dhamar region of North Yemen and it has rushed four plane-loads of supplies to the affected areas up to now, according to Sabah Allawi, representative in the Kingdom for the United Nations children's Fund.

Allawi said the supplies included blankets,

cooking utensils, hospital equipment, drugs and tents worth about \$600,000.

Allawi, who headed a team of U.N. representatives to North Yemen on the instructions of Prince Talal, special envoy of UNICEF and president of AGFUND, visited the worst affected areas to assess the situation. He met with Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Iryani, prime minister of North Yemen and other officials who praised the role of UNICEF in rushing with aid.

After the earthquake disaster

Yemenis' felt need to be there, give help

By Omar Basasiddiq
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 23 — Last week the scene at the Riyadh International Airport was, to say the least, a touching and agonizing one. Hundreds of North Yemenis had converged on the airport's departure lounge: some sobbing, some talking in subdued tones, others just quietly gazing at the ceiling, but almost all of them waiting for planes to take them home to Yemen.

But what were they going to do in the midst of the havoc and disaster wrought by the earthquake in the country? Each one had his own reason for wanting to go. Some wanted to ascertain that their relatives and friends were still alive; others to hurry their dead; others to comfort those who were rescued and escaped the wrath of the quake; others to witness for themselves the extent of the holocaust — but all of them motivated by one single purpose: to help their compatriots in whatever way they could.

Of the more than 200 villages wrecked by

Pakistani plane reaches Sanaa

A. K. Khuro
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — International efforts are underway to help the victims of North Yemen ravaged by earthquakes. AC130 plane carrying a medical team and relief assistance reached Sanaa last night, according to Latif Ulfat, Press Counsellor here at the Pakistan Embassy.

Ulfat said the plane left Islamabad Wednesday night with a six-member medical team, 100 tents and 100 cartons of medicine, 200 blankets and other goods to help the relief teams working in the Dhamar region of North Yemen.

A minimum of 40,000 tents are needed for the quake-hit, and many Islamic countries are coming forward with relief assistance. UNICEF has already donated 1,000 tents.



Sabah Allawi

Imports from Japan at SR1.04b

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — Japanese exports to the Kingdom have marked a significant increase during the first nine months of the current year, whereas its imports from the Kingdom have remained steady.

According to Japanese Commercial Counsellor M. Hirano, his country's exports to the Kingdom have already crossed the SR1 billion mark in the first nine months of 1982.

The actual export figure for the first nine months is SR1.04 billion which marks a big rise when compared with SR860 million in the whole of 1981. Going by the available figures, the exports to the Kingdom in the whole year of 1982 are likely to double those in 1981.

Export items have mainly comprised heavy machinery, automobiles and electronics, apart from other commodities.

Japan imported crude oil and petroleum products valued at SR2.14 billion between January and September 1982 as against SR3 billion in the whole year of 1981, he said.

Hirano said his country is currently busy in the annual exercise of the budget and hence there was no trade mission or new contract forthcoming, at least until mid-January 1983.

Also, not much headway has been made in building a new embassy in Riyadh, he said adding: "It's being designed now."

Sheraton promotes world cook book, introduces Copenhagen cookery here

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — The Jeddah Sheraton hotel has introduced the cookery of the Sheraton-Copenhagen Hotel, Denmark, as part of the Sheraton World Cook Book promotion, which will last until Dec. 27, according to Public Relations Manager Abdullah Marroushi.

Special dishes include roast goose, Kalvemorbrad Hirtshals (veal tenderloin stuffed with lobster) and Rodgrød Med Fløde (red fruit pudding with cream).

The recipes for these dishes are found in the Sheraton World Cook Book together with many other recipes of Sheraton hotels from every corner of the world. The book is available from the restaurant manager, he added.

The elegant, long-established Plaza Hotel in the heart of Copenhagen has become a Sheraton Hotel and this 100-room property has been renamed "The Plaza, A Sheraton Hotel," according to Jeddah Sheraton Resident Manager Kai Mikkelsen.

He told Arab News, this addition to the Sheraton family is next to the air terminal, the Central Station, the Tivoli Gardens and the

Indian delegation exploring earth moving equipment mart

By K. S. Ramkrishna
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — A three-member Indian public sector delegation has been in the Kingdom since Dec. 14 exploring the market for heavy earth moving equipment manufactured by the state-owned Bharat Earth Mover Limited.

The delegation, led by BEML General Manager S.S. Sawhney and comprising its assistant general manager T. Narasiah and another official, has called on leading dealers of earth equipment and construction companies, according to a spokesman of the Indian embassy.

He said the delegation will be in the Kingdom for a few more days.

Established in 1964, BEML is a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defense with two foreign collaborations and is the largest earthmoving equipment manufacturer in India producing bulldozers, shovels, wheel loaders, rear dumpers, scrapers, bottom dumpers, trailers and rail coaches.

BEML started its earthmoving equipment operations by entering into a collaboration agreement with WABCO of the United States, to manufacture and market WABCO products in India and exclusively distribute dump trucks and other products in India, Nepal and Bhutan.

BEML has a similar arrangement with the Komatsu Limited of Japan for manufac-

turing and marketing crawler bulldozers, motor graders and hydraulic excavators. The firm has so far manufactured and marketed about 7,500 pieces of heavy earthmoving equipment which are working in various projects in India and other countries. It has also produced over 6,000 integral rail coaches and heavy duty transportation trailers and over 7,000 pieces heavy earthmoving equipment like bulldozers, rear dumpers, crawler and wheel loaders, scrapers, graders and bottom dumpers.

Recently, it commenced the manufacture of the D355 A-3 bulldozer with 410 HP, the second largest in range in the world and the 85-ton rear dumper, the largest made in India.

BEML is also manufacturing broad gauge passenger rail coaches and has supplied over 4,500 of them to Indian Railways and to the railways of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to their specifications.

It is also making heavy duty trailers of 20-100 ton capacity and over 450 trailers are already deployed in various parts of India.

The R & D wing of BEML has successfully designed and developed crawler-mounted front end loader of 90 FHP with 1.3 cubic meter bucket and of 180 FHP with 2.3 cubic meter bucket and of 300 FHP with 3.8 cubic meter bucket have also been developed.

Islamic court punishes Filipino for stealing

AHSA, Dec. 23 (SPA) — The Ministry of Interior announced here Thursday the application of the Islamic punishment against a Filipino national for committing a stealing crime.

The accused, Roland Dupin, was charged by the Islamic court for conducting several stealing crimes. After confessing his deeds, the court decided on severing his right hand from the wrist. The sentence was carried in public here.

The ministry in announcing this declares the government's intention to uphold the law and order intact and carry out the laws as prescribed by Islam.

Fiberglass plan subsidy continued

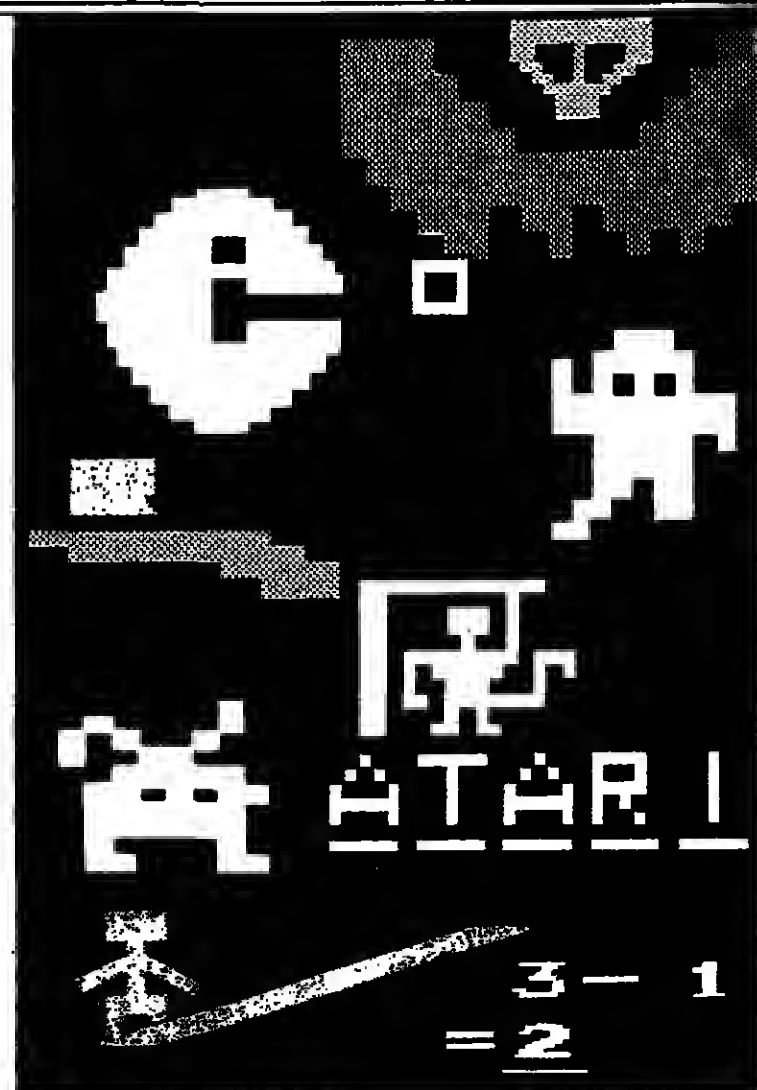
DOHA, Dec. 23 (SPA) — The Gulf Organization for Industrial Consultation agreed at the end of its meetings here to continue the subsidy for the fiberglass project, being established now by investors from various Gulf states in Saudi Arabia.

During the meeting programs were discussed for improving cooperation with regional and international organizations, and to encourage joint projects with sister countries.

Sports tournament begins Saturday

RIYADH, Dec. 23 (SPA) — The second sports tournament for government departments and institutions in Jeddah begins Saturday. The two-week event, which comprises football, swimming, basketball, volleyball and table tennis, comes in the context of the "sports for all" program. Eight government departments are to take part in the competitions organized by the Western Region Youth Welfare head office.

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League brands Pakistan-based Qadiania sect as 'misguided, malignant, preaching corrupt beliefs'

MAKKAH, Dec. 23 (SPA) — The Muslim World League (MWL) has branded the Pakistan-based Qadiania sect as misguided and malignant. In a statement issued here the league said the leaders of the sect were preaching vicious and corrupt beliefs in utter contradiction to the Islamic faith.

The statement said that at their conferences and other gatherings Muslims had outlawed the sect and in 1972 the Pakistani president had issued a decree denouncing Qadiani leaders and banning their activities.

The statement said the founder of the sect, Mirza Qadiani, claimed to be a prophet, receiving revelations.

He denied the Prophet Muhammad was the last apostle of God and called on Muslims to make a pilgrimage to Qadian, which he claimed was a holy city like Makkah and Madinah, it added.

"Not only that, but Qadiani has asked Muslims to swear allegiance to him or else they will be branded as atheists," the statement said.



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As sectarian fighting rages

Troops rescue Lebanese kids

BEIRUT, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Lebanese Army has rescued hundreds of schoolchildren from the scene of sectarian battles that flared between Christian and nationalist Druze militiamen south of Beirut, police said Thursday.

Army units escorted the trapped children to their homes in Beirut during the night Wednesday from the suburban beachside neighborhood of Khalde and three neighboring towns where militiamen duelled for hours with artillery and rockets, police said.

As rival Lebanese gunmen battled nearby,

Two Jews killed

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (AP) — Two Israeli soldiers were killed Thursday in the explosion of a boobytrap placed near an Israeli army position in the Ein Hilwe Palestinian refugee camp near Sidon in southern Lebanon, the military command said.

The command said a third soldier and two local Arabs were wounded in the explosion. It said Israeli troops searched the area, and the army launched an investigation.

The blast was the second this week to kill Israeli troops in Lebanon. On Tuesday an army vehicle set off a mine in eastern Lebanon and two lieutenant colonels were killed.

Lebanese army soldiers Thursday prepared a seaside hotel south of Beirut for the upcoming talks by Israel, Lebanon and the United States on the withdrawal of foreign armies.

Christian militiamen in a building only 60 meters from the Lebanon Beach Hotel fired at leftist Druze positions inland with rocket-propelled grenades and M-16 automatic rifles.

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The exchanges were within earshot of the first U.S. marine outpost at the Beirut International Airport, 1.6 kilometers. An overnight ceasefire silenced the guns in the embattled towns of Shu'fat, Aramoun and Kfar Shima as well as Khalde, which is the site proposed for U.S., Israeli and Lebanese talks on the withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon.

Police said the latest round of Christian-Druze fighting south of Beirut and in the Israeli-occupied central Lebanese mountain towns of Aley and Ghaboon claimed 12 lives

Evren, Chun urge Gulf war end

SEOUL, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Presidents of Turkey and South Korea, in a communique Thursday, expressed their concern over the Iran-Iraq war and stressed "the urgent need to find a peaceful solution to this conflict."

The communique also called for "the withdrawal of Israel from all Arab territories occupied since 1967" and recognized "the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people

threat to the entire international community," and called for common endeavors to prevent and suppress terrorism and to ensure the protection of all diplomatic, consular and other official representatives, the communique said.

Evren agreed with Chun that the Korean reunification question should be solved by peaceful means through talks between North and South Korean leaders, it said.

In view of increasing trade protectionism, they urged the industrialized nations "to take into account the efforts of developing countries to advance into the markets of developed nations," the communique said.

The two presidents agreed to further strengthen relations between the two countries in all fields, "particularly in the fields of commercial exchanges and economic and technical cooperation," it added.

Evren extended an invitation for Chun to visit Turkey, and he accepted it, the communique said. Details concerning the visit will be arranged through diplomatic channels, it said.

PLO's role in M.E. talks emphasized

AMMAN, Dec. 23 (AP) — Ousted West Bank Mayor, Muhammad Milhem said Thursday the Palestine Liberation Organization must approve any negotiator who spoke for the Palestinians in future Mideast peace talks.

Milhem, who was expelled from the Israeli-occupied town of Halhoul in December 1980 along with another West Bank mayor, told reporters he hoped the talks between Jordan's King Hussein and U.S. President Ronald Reagan would be "characterized by the same spirit that marked the Jordanian-Palestinian talks in Amman last month."

Milhem said he was ready to take part in talks on an overall Middle East settlement "if the PLO requests me to do so since I accept what the PLO accepts and reject what it rejects."

"I do not think there is any Palestinian either inside or outside the (Israeli) occupied territories who would agree to participate in peace talks unless requested to do so by the PLO," he said.

Milhem said that when he was in Washington in late November with expelled Hebron Mayor Fahd Qawasme for talks with Secretary of State George P. Shultz he was told the U.S. administration would not accept any PLO representative at such talks.

But he said he told the U.S. officials "any person taking part in such talks should obtain the PLO's blessings and approval. Milhem said his visit to Washington was not at the request of the PLO but Yasser Arafat had been "informed about it."

Dissidents occupy ex-Libyan bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — A small group of club-wielding men believed to be Libyan-born dissidents forced their way into the former Libyan Peoples Bureau in suburban McLean, Virginia, on Wednesday and demanded to speak with a reporter, police said.

The seven or eight men, who wore stocking masks, took no hostages and no injuries were reported, police said. They forced their way inside the three-story building in this Washington suburb as two employees were opening the office shortly after 8 a.m., according to police.

The intruders tied up the employees, asked if anyone else was inside, and they shoved the two out the door, police spokesman Warren Carmichael said.

Bank issue rocks Begin cabinet

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (AP) — The National Religious Party, a government coalition partner, threatened "grave consequences" after the finance minister vetoed an attempt by the party-affiliated Mizrahi Bank to purchase the First International Bank of Israel, Israeli newspapers reported Thursday.

Finance Minister Y. Arikor refused to approve the takeover for what he claimed on Israel TV Wednesday night were "business reasons." He has been supported by Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich, a former finance minister, who has said that Mizrahi Bank is not big enough to buy the First International Bank.

But the Jerusalem Post quoted Interior Minister Yosef Burg of the NRP as saying "the treasury's decision to put obstacles

before the Mizrahi Bank could have very grave consequences." Sources in the NRP, quoted by the Post, said these consequences could affect the government coalition.

The NRP, with six members of parliament, is a crucial member of Prime Minister Menahem Begin's 64-56 majority in parliament.

Burg was especially angry that a government which opposes state intervention in the business sector decided to intervene in a deal between two private banks, the Post reported.

The Mizrahi Bank is Israel's fourth largest and the First International (FIBI) is number five. Mizrahi has assets of 90 billion shekels (\$4 billion) and FIBI has 39 billion shekels, as the exchange rate stood June 30.

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in the past 24 hours, pushing the overall death toll in two months to over 150.

Police said no residential area in Khalde sustained damage during Wednesday's fighting, probably because gun positions of the rightist Christian militiamen were set up in the fields about one kilometer south of the neighborhood.

On Thursday one person was killed and three others injured in West Beirut as they were trying to remove a land mine from a street near the Libyan embassy, police said.

But pupils at a primary school in the Bourj Barajneh Palestinian refugee camp in South Beirut escaped injury after two 20-kilo TNT charges were found in the toilets and successfully defused, they added.

The charges had been wired to the bell of the school, which is run by the U.N. Palestinian aid organization UNRWA.



ZHAO AT MUSEUM: Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang looks at the golden mask of the ancient Egyptian pharaoh during a visit to the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

Egypt, China stress arms ties

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Military and economic cooperation and also tourism have been the subject of the Egyptian-Chinese talks here, taking over from the political talks which took place during the last two days of Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang's visit to Egypt. Zhao arrived in Cairo Monday.

According to the Egyptian Defense Minister Abu Ghazala, between 60 and 80 F-7 combat planes, an improved Chinese version of the MiG-21, will be delivered to Egypt from 1983. The Egyptian Air Force already has some 30 of Chinese aircraft in service.

On the economic side, Egyptian Economic Minister Mustafa Said is due to go to Peking in January to discuss renewal of a cooperation agreement signed in 1966. The agreement expires at the end of this month.

Also expected to be raised is the residue of a Chinese loan to Egypt of 350 million Swiss francs dating from 1964, only 160 millions of which have been taken up.

Regarding trade between the two countries, whose total value was \$184 million this year, an Egyptian source close to the talks said Peking might be interested in certain industrial projects figuring in the new Egyptian five-year plan.

Until now China has imported cotton, phosphates, medicaments and chemical products from Egypt, while Egypt has above all bought clothing and textiles in common use.

The Chinese prime minister, who is due to spend the greater part of Thursday in upper

Spain, Morocco to improve ties

MARRAKESH, Dec. 23 (R) — Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran arrived in this south Moroccan city Thursday for a 24-hour official visit to confer with King Hassan and Foreign Minister Muhammad Bouetta.

A high-ranking Moroccan official told Reuters the visit demonstrated the importance that Spain attached to its relations with Morocco, and North Africa in general.

The talks are expected to cover the Middle East, the conflict in the Western Sahara occupied by Spain until 1976 and now administered by Morocco, the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla on Morocco's northern coast, and bilateral relations, particularly a new Spanish-Moroccan fisheries accord.

Moroccan officials are said to be concerned about the Spanish Socialist government's attitude toward the Polisario Front which is fighting to wrest the Western Sahara from Moroccan control.

In the past, the Spanish Socialist Party has maintained sympathetic ties with the guerrilla movement.

Government leaders here are on the other hand discreet about the question of the two Spanish enclaves, which Morocco claims as an integral part of its territory.

The Moroccan press has lately revived the claims, comparing them with Spanish claims to the British colony of Gibraltar.

Cairo to receive U.S. EC-2 planes

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (SPA) — Egypt will start receiving its U.S. made EC-2 Hawkeye early warning planes next year, the Cairo newspaper Al-Gumhuria reported Thursday.

It said that on his recent trip to Washington Egyptian Defense Minister Abdul-Halim Abn Ghazala signed a deal for the planes, which will cost a total of \$750 million, including the cost of the ground support system, technical training and maintenance.

The deal also allows Egypt to have the system upgraded at a later stage. The planes will arrive in two batches once congress has given its approval to the sale.

Egypt rejects Israeli claim over Taba

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (AP) — A foreign ministry spokesman reiterated that the disputed border area of Taba is Egyptian territory and described a statement by Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon as a new escalation of the situation in the region.

"Taba is an Egyptian territory, will remain Egyptian and will return to Egypt," the spokesman was quoted by the Middle East News Agency as saying. "Sharon's statement, if confirmed, is a new escalation in the situation in the area," he stressed.

The foreign ministry will take the necessary diplomatic steps to maintain Egypt's firm rights in the area after studying the official text of Sharon's statement, the spokesman was reported as saying without elaboration.

PLO-held Israelis make peace appeal

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP) — Six Israeli soldiers held captive in Lebanon by the Palestine Liberation Organization are quoted as making a peace appeal and praising their treatment as prisoners in interviews published in an Arab magazine.

The London-based weekly Al-Hawadess, which publishes in Arabic, said it was the first international publication to interview the prisoners, captured Sept. 4.

Editor-in-Chief Muhammad Abdul Moula told the Associated Press that a correspondent for the magazine interviewed three weeks ago six of the eight Israeli prisoners still being held by the PLO "somewhere in the Bekaa Valley."

Israeli Sgt. Robin Moshe Cohen, 20, is quoted as saying in a message on behalf of the group: "We all ask, and all the Israeli people ask, that a real peace between the peoples of Palestine and Israel exist... We believe this problem could be solved." Cohen's message was translated into English for the AP by Moula.

Cohen, the magazine said, spoke fluent Arabic, was interviewed in that language and he translated into Hebrew for the other soldiers.

"Since we were captured we have been

treated in a very good way. We are getting everything. We are thankful for this treatment," the prisoners' message said.

Another captured soldier, Avi Y. Cronfield, 19, was quoted as saying he had been "very enthusiastic" about taking part in Israel's invasion of Lebanon this year, "especially because I thought it would be an easy mission."

"But when I saw the first casualty and the first Israeli soldier killed, I determined to escape," Cronfield was quoted as adding. "But it is the war and I am a soldier."

Captive Dany Tsif Jilboa, 20, was quoted as saying he had been "dreaming" of Israel becoming a member of the Arab League, adding: "But today I see the changes of peace, it is retreating."

The magazine quoted Abu Jihad, described by Moula as deputy chief of staff of the PLO with direct responsibility for the Israeli captives, as saying Israel should negotiate directly with the PLO over the prisoners' release. He also warned Israel not to try to rescue the soldiers.

"They (Israel) might try a suicide operation to save the eight POWs. If they did, we could answer twice," said Jihad.

Soviet hopes dashed in Kabul

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Soviet Union has made little progress in achieving its political and military objectives in Afghanistan despite a troop commitment of 105,000 and casualties estimated at 10,000 to 15,000, a top U.S. official said.

Under Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger told a news conference Wednesday there were some inconclusive hints after the death of President Leonid Brezhnev of Soviet flexibility in negotiating a settlement to the Afghan conflict.

But, he said, recent Soviet statements on the subject have yielded "no meaningful indications" Moscow plans an early withdrawal of its forces.

The occasion for the briefing was the third anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Eagleburger said the ability of the small, ill-equipped resistance force to withstand the determined Soviet effort is a tribute to the "spirit, courage and tenacity" of the Afghan people. "They deserve the admiration and support of free people everywhere," he said.

He said the Soviets increased their troop commitment to 105,000 from 90,000 early this year. According to "very conservative estimates," Eagleburger said some 5,000 Soviet forces have died in the conflict and an additional 5,000 to 10,000 others have been wounded.

Discussing American strategic interests in the area, Eagleburger said Soviet defeat of the freedom fighters "would be a real blow to us."

A Soviet victory would "create tremendous pressures" on Afghanistan's neighbors to the east and west, Pakistan and Iran, respectively, and would represent a "serious threat to the Gulf." But, he said, Soviet forces have made little progress against the freedom fighters.

Arafat receives Pym's message

TUNIS, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat has received a message from British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym concerning Britain's participation in the multi-national force in Lebanon, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

The message was given to Arafat Tuesday by the British ambassador to Tunisia, Alexander Sterling, Wafa said.

Last month, Britain refused to meet a PLO representative who was part of an Arab delegation sent to explain an Arab peace plan for the Middle East to the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

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'Fourth flight partial success'

Testing of Pershing missiles suspended

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, New Mexico, Dec. 23 (AP) — U.S. Army officials acknowledged Wednesday that the fourth scheduled test flight of the Pershing-2 missiles was only "a partial success," and said future test flights were being called off indefinitely.

The new Pershing, the army's answer to the Soviet Union's SS-20 missiles pointed at Europe, is scheduled for deployment next December in West Germany. It is capable of carrying nuclear warheads. But test failures prompted Congress to cancel \$498 million in appropriations for the missile's construction last month.

The test launch on Nov. 19 was initially lauded as a success when the missile flew 320 kms high and landed 106 kms downrange. But Wednesday, army officials said the maneuvering system failed to perform as required. Four air control devices that allow the missile to alter its course failed to work because of low hydraulic pressure, said David Harris, spokesman for the army missile command at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

Additional tests of the missile had been scheduled for mid-January and for next

spring, said White Sands missile range spokesman Jim Lovelady. "It was a mechanical problem," Harris said. "We have now fixed the hydraulic system, so it is not a design problem."

The failure follows three previous launch failures. In July, a test Pershing had to be destroyed seconds after launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida, because of a causing leak. Two other tests scheduled in late October and early November from the desert range were suspended because of electrical problems. Harris said the delay in test firings wasn't a major problem.

The 1,600 kms range missile, designed by Martin Marietta of Orlando, Florida, and powered by a Hercules Corp. motor, will continue to be built under its present construction timetable, with deployment of 108 missiles scheduled for December 1983, Harris said.

Four test missiles have been built so far, each equipped with a radar guidance system that allows images of the target to be compared in flight for corrections, he said. Bin moie tests will be needed to convince congressional budgeteers to resume financing the Pershing program.

Africa enters '83 with wide rifts

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 23 (AP) — Africa's half-dozen wars are relatively quiet at year-end, but the continent enters 1983 sharply divided after the Organization of African Unity twice failed to convene its 1982 summit.

Issues splitting the OAU — the legitimacy of Chad's President Hissene Habre's government and Morocco's claim to Western Sahara — likely won't be resolved soon. King Hassan of Morocco will try to consolidate prestige as chairman of the Arab summit that for the first time envisions peace with Israel.

The United States, Marxist Angola and South Africa appear poised for the movement on bringing South-West Africa — Namibia — to independence. This could end two Bush wars, remove Cuban troops from Angola and trim Soviet influence below the Equator.

South Africa hopes the gold price keeps rising, while analysts say 1983 is when the country will feel the world recession. The white-minority government plans to push constitutional reforms permitting power-sharing with Asians and coloreds — persons of mixed race — but not with majority blacks.

The black nationalist African National Congress says it will intensify its guerrilla war against apartheid — race-separation — in South Africa, despite South African pressure

on ANC havens in Lesotho and Swaziland. Kenya's pro-Western President Daniel Arap Moi will be watching his generals after a failed military coup. He promises a code of public conduct to curb official corruption.

Saharan oases from Mauritania across to Sudan face continued desert encroachment and drought. Egypt may take further steps to return to the Arab fold while clinging to its Camp David peace with Israel.

For most nations, mismanaged economies and the world glut of oil and metals mean worsening trade deficits. Zimbabwe will enter its third year of black rule plagued by wage restraints, inflation and armed dissidents.

Diplomats predict Tanzania's President Julius Nyerere will down-play his belittled, public-sector programs but continue his socialist rhetoric.

Some specialists expect Ethiopian troops to withdraw from Somali enclaves captured last summer. Ethiopia failed to topple pro-Western Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre, but Siad faces increased tribal tension. Malawi's president-for-life, Hastings Kamuzu Banda, the only black African leader to maintain diplomatic relations with South Africa, is in his 70s and ailing. There is no obvious successor, and a power struggle may follow if Banda dies.

'Odinga aided coup bid against Moi'

NAIROBI, Dec. 23 (AP) — Former Vice President Ajuma Odinga gave his "consent and blessing" and some financial support to a failed attempt to topple the government of President Daniel Arap Moi last Aug. 1, a court-martial was told Wednesday.

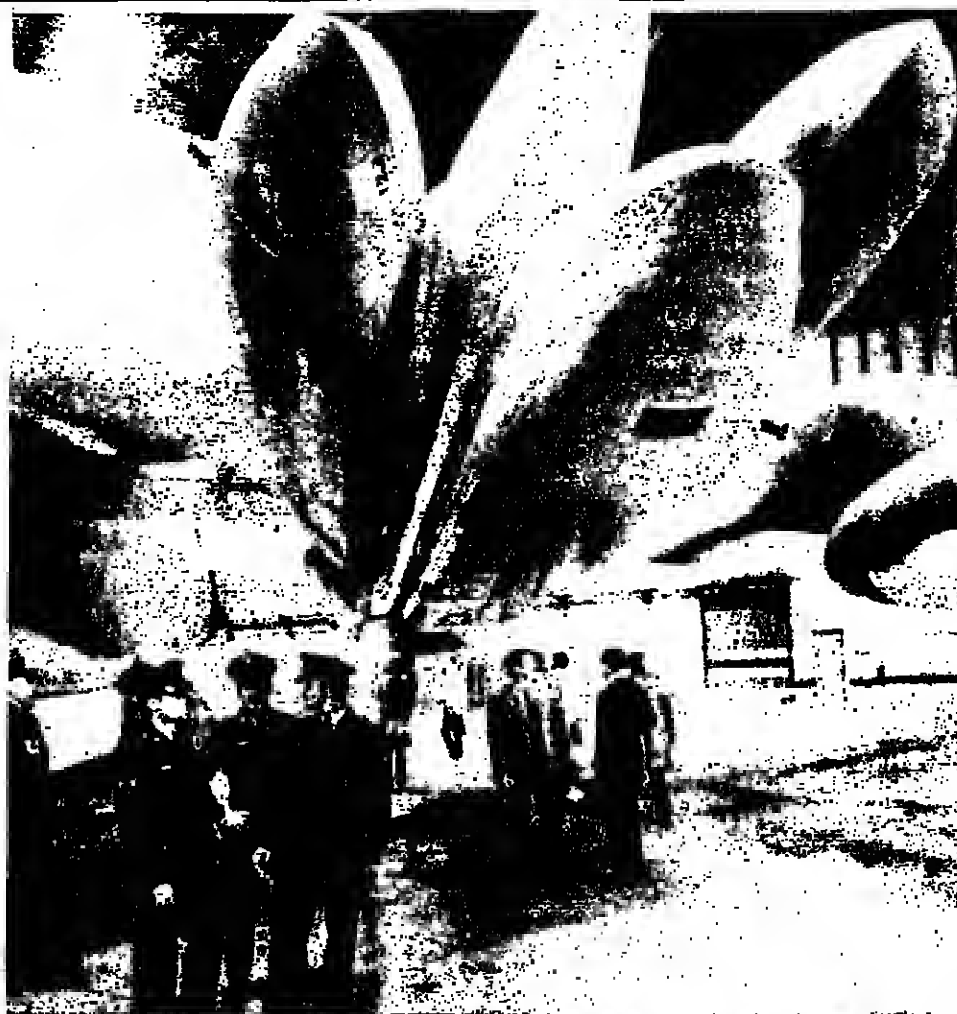
The military panel, sitting at Langata army barracks just southwest of Nairobi, also heard that Odinga's son, Raila — who was charged with treason Sept. 22 — traveled to Tanzania and Zimbabwe to seek backing for the coup bid organized by disgruntled, low-ranking Luo tribesmen in the air force.

The elder Odinga, leader of the Luo tribe which vies with the Kikuyu for dominance in Kenya, served as vice president from 1964 to 1966 under Kenya's first president, the late Jomo Kenyatta. Odinga, who is unsure of his

age but is believed to be 71, resigned the vice presidency because Kenyatta refused to chart, a socialist course.

Wednesday's testimony was the first in the series of court-martial that began in mid-September to directly implicate the elder Odinga in the coup conspiracy. He so far has not been arrested. But *The Daily Nation* of Nairobi reported Nov. 10 that the former vice president was placed under virtual house arrest at the Lake Victoria town of Kisumu under an order issued from Moi's office.

The allegations against Odinga and his son, who is to make another court appearance Jan. 7, were contained in a statement taken from Air Force Sgt. Joseph Ogiidi, who is being tried by court-martial on a charge of treason.



MISSILE: The initial operational capability of the air launched Cruise missile was announced at Griffis air force base last week. The 416th bombardment squadron is the first in the U.S. to have aircraft equipped with the nuclear weapons. The missiles are launched from an aircraft, then fly under their own power following a pre-arranged guidance pattern against ground targets.

Thatcher sabotaging Pym, charges Labor opposition

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP) — Denis Healey, Labor Party foreign affairs spokesman, Wednesday accused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of trying to sabotage the efforts of her own Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, to make progress in curbing the nuclear arms race.

Healey told the House of Commons that Mrs. Thatcher, in answering questions in the house Tuesday, had rejected out of hand Soviet leader Yuri Andropov's proposals for conditionally cutting the number of Soviet medium-range missiles in Europe. She did this, Healey said, after admitting she had not read the Soviet leaders' proposals.

Later the same day, Healey said, Pym called the Soviet offer in a television interview "a small step" forward which would have to be examined carefully. "Will you at last stand up," Healey demanded of Pym during question time in the house. "It is your right and duty to work for peace against the one woman walking disaster area who attempts to sabotage all your initiatives."

In reply to Healey's question, Pym said: "From what we know already, there are shortcomings in the Soviet proposal. We must look at them with the very greatest care."

He rejected out of hand, however, the Soviet condition that British and French nuclear weapons should be included in arms

reduction talks due to reconvene in Geneva on Jan. 27 between the two superpowers. But he added that the decision to permit the stationing in Britain of 166 Cruise missiles at the end of next year was not final if the United States and the Soviet Union reach an agreement in the Geneva talks. If the talks succeed, he said, "then we will review the decision we have taken."

Mrs. Thatcher on Tuesday said, "from what we know of the (Andropov) speech, what he is proposing is to reduce the number of SS-20 (medium-range missiles) by a proportion but the effect of what he is proposing is to leave the United States with zero intermediate range nuclear missiles, while he has a very considerable number left. "That does not seem to me to be able to keep the essential balance which is required for our security."

Earlier Wednesday, in the House of Lords, Foreign Office Minister Lord Belstead dismissed as "bogus" the Soviet offer to cut its nuclear missiles in Europe to the total 162 missiles held by Britain and France. "An offer of reductions of Russian intermediate range missiles, of which at the moment the Soviet Union has a monopoly, by a trade-off against strategic systems held by the British and French is a bogus offer," he said. Belstead also said, however, that Andropov's offer was a "step in the right direction."

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS. (AFP) — King Baudouin of Belgium and Queen Fabiola have had to postpone official visits early next year to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia, because of the King's health, a palace spokesman announced Thursday.

BOSTON. (R) — Massachusetts Wednesday became the 38th American state to restore the death penalty for murder as retiring Governor Edward King signed into law a bill giving condemned people a choice of bow to die.

MADRID. (AFP) — Spain's new Socialist government has adopted the tentative decision by the previous centrist government to buy U.S. F-18A warplanes costing \$2.8 million, the government spokesman said Wednesday night.

UNITED NATIONS. (AP) — Polish Ambassador Wlodzimierz Natort officially notified U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Wednesday that the Polish parliament had enacted legislation suspending martial law as of Dec. 31.

PEKING. (R) — Four rapists have been executed in Shanghai as part of a law and order drive in China's biggest and most crowded city. *The Liberation* daily said.

Cut in arms promised

Soviet ceremonies end with message of peace

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Ceremonies marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union closed Wednesday with a "message of peace" addressed to all parliaments, governments and political parties of the world.

The message, sent jointly by the Communist Party Central Committee and the Supreme Soviet, echoed Tuesday's speech by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in which he proposed to the west a reduction in nuclear armaments.

The text reaffirmed a Soviet pledge "not to be the first to have recourse to the use of nuclear weapons," and invited the other nuclear powers to offer similar undertakings. It called for a "rapid and positive conclusion" of Soviet-American Arms control negotiations in Geneva, an end to all nuclear tests, a ban on and destruction of chemical arms and the settling of all conflicts by "exclusively political means."

In another speech Wednesday at a solemn Kremlin function marking the celebrations' end, Andropov declared that anyone ready to cooperate with the Soviet Union would find in Moscow "goodwill, an open heart and a hand extended to shake."

According to the new Soviet leader, "in 60 years of its existence, the Soviet Union has solidly established its position in the world as supporter and fervent defender of the cause of peace, friendship among peoples and respect for the right of all to independence, liberty and progress."

In more specific terms, a central committee spokesman Leonid Zamyatin spelled out the Soviet position on the armaments issue at a press conference here Wednesday, beginning with sharp criticism of two unnamed Atlantic Alliance countries "who hurry to reject without serious study" the new Soviet proposals

oo arms reductions.

Britain and France Tuesday immediately voiced opposition to Andropov's proposal to reduce the number of Soviet intermediate range "Euromissiles" to the level of the combined British and French missile arsenals. Zamyatin argued it was "unjust" in comparing Eastern and Western force strengths, but to include British and French arms for an assessment of the East-West military balance in Europe.

The senior party official concluded, warning that if the Americans went ahead with their project of deploying new Euromissiles, the Geneva negotiations would be "futile."

Western diplomats meanwhile considered the new Soviet peace offensive as aimed essentially at European public opinion, with a view to strengthening pacifist movements against new Euromissile deployment. Wednesday's ceremonies were attended by 135 foreign delegations.

Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu hailed the "special role" the Soviet Union played in the solution of the world's major policy of aggression practiced by imperialism. In a similar vein, spokesman Zamyatin lashed out at "bourgeois propaganda" in Italy and France over allegations of a Bulgarian involvement in last year's attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II.

This "vicious campaign," he said, was being coordinated by certain North Atlantic Treaty Organization secret services in an attempt to pit Roman Catholics against the socialist countries. Other speakers included Finnish President Mauno Kovisto, Laotian leader Kaysone Phoumvihane, Cambodian chief of state Heng Samrin and several Third World leaders, notably those from Algeria and Tanzania.

Media men protest Mexican bill

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23 (AP) — Reporters and photographers staged a rally and cartoonists ran blank spaces Wednesday to protest a libel bill that they say will restrict severely press freedom in Mexico.

A total of 121 working journalists representing seven professional associations staged the rally at noon at a monument on the main Paseo de la Reforma Avenue that also represents freedom. The demonstrators included members of the Association of Editorial Writers and the Columnists Club.

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved last week the proposed amendment to the civil code which would punish "moral damage" to people. The bill,

now before the senate, defines "moral damage" as "the effects a person suffers in his feelings... beliefs, decorum, honor, reputation, private life, configuration and physical aspect, or by the consideration other people have of him" as a result of another person's action.

Punishment would be unspecified fines and compensation for damages to be set by civil court judges. Virtually, all the country's editorial cartoonists, who claim they would be most affected by the new legislation, refused to draw their cartoons Wednesday. Most newspapers ran blank spaces instead with a caption saying, "against the muzzle law."

Clark takes "little pivotal steps"

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 23 (AP) — Barney Clark stood and took "little pivotal steps" Wednesday, his first steps since doctors replaced his failing heart with a plastic device nearly three weeks ago, a hospital spokesman said.

"He stands and sort of shuffles around and sits down in the chair," said John Dwan, University of Utah Medical Center spokesman. Dwan said Clark also was learning to speak audibly again by placing his finger over a tracheostomy tube running from his throat.

According to Helen Kee, director of nursing, Clark this morning said, "I want to get up," and doctors had to rush to his side to help him. She said that indicated Clark was feeling stronger.

Meanwhile, one week after Clark was con-

sidered "a very, very sick man," doctors said the retired dentist might someday return to his profession or to his passion golf.

Clark is listed in a serious condition in an intensive care room at the University of Utah Medical Center. Doctors said Tuesday he was gaining in strength, sipping fruit juice and spending much of his time out of bed in a reclining chair. Dr. Chase Peterson, university vice president for health sciences, also said Clark was breathing mostly on his own, spending two hours off a respirator for every four on.

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In Western Europe

OECD rules out end to recession

PARIS, Dec. 23 (AP) — Western Europe will remain mired in recession through 1983 despite hopeful signs of a slight recovery in the United States, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has reported.

In its year-end outlook for the organization's 24 member countries, OECD economists sharply cut back previous growth projections, indicating that the lingering economic downturn is worse than initially anticipated. Sylvia Ostry, chief OECD economist, admitted that the organization misjudged developments during 1982, forcing the secretariat to retreat from July's forecast for a weak recovery next year. "We were bad and everybody was bad on the dynamics," she told reporters, while outlining the secretariat's latest economic predictions.

Contributing to the OECD's miscalculation was sharp drop in trade volume during the year which has been aggravated by the indebtedness of developing countries and subsequent slowdown in the pace of bank lending.

Unexpected weak export demand at mid-

year has so battered Western economies and eroded business confidence that governments are hard pressed to engineer an escape from the recession, according to the OECD.

After contracting 0.5 percent in 1982, the secretariat forecasts economic growth among OECD members to expand at a sluggish 1.5 percent in 1983 before accelerating to 2.75 percent in the first half of 1984. Six months ago the OECD had predicted a 0.5 percent expansion this year and a growth rate of 2.5 percent next year.

The figures, however, mask an uneven growth pattern among OECD countries. In sharp contrast to the somber outlook for their European members, the United States and Japan are expected to have an economic upturn next year.

Real U.S. gross national product will expand by 3.5 percent in the first half of 1984 compared with 2 percent in 1983 and a 1.75 percent decline in 1982, while Japan's economic pace will quicken to 4 percent by mid-1984 from 3.5 percent in 1983 from the projected 2.5 percent rate this year, the OECD said.

The recovery in the United States, though weak by historical standards, is expected to be fueled largely by increased domestic demand, triggered by a decline in short-term interest rates. "At the center stage of the U.S. recovery is the American consumer who, while in a highly liquid position, has so far exhibited a good deal of caution in spending," Ostry said. Domestic demand also will aid Japan's recovery.

Flagging economic activity, however, will remain a stubborn presence in Europe, and the OECD study warned "the longer slow growth continues in Europe, the greater the risk that it will become self-perpetuating."

Economists at the organization estimated economic activity in Western Europe fell 1 percent in the second-half. Combined economic growth in West Germany, France, Britain and Italy is forecast to rise 0.5 percent in 1983 compared with 0.25 percent this year.

Activity in West Germany, long considered the economic locomotive of Western Europe, will continue to contract next year, though at a slower pace, the OECD said.

Japan to reduce import duties

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Japan is to reduce customs duties from April 1 on tobacco, chocolate and biscuits. 40 agricultural products and 28 manufactured items. It was announced here Thursday.

The decision was made early Thursday in a meeting between government members and leaders of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), in a bid to reduce trade conflicts with other countries.

The move was also seen as setting up the best possible conditions for Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's visit to the United States from Jan. 17.

The percentage reductions have not yet been disclosed in detail, especially for items such as tobacco. The meeting's participants disagreed on certain percentages and are to meet again early Friday, officials said.

The new set of measures will probably be adopted at the next "economic" ministers' meeting Jan. 13.

However, the customs duties on tobacco, now at 35 percent, may go down to 30 or even 20 percent, according to the results of negotiations now being conducted with Japanese planters. Tobacco is one of the main products for which U.S. negotiators have been calling for a liberalization of Japan's import restrictions.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan in a recent letter to Prime Minister Nakasone, asked for the abolition or a considerable lowering of taxes on tobacco, the sources said. Taxes on biscuits are 36.3 to 31.9 percent, and chocolate is at 31.9 percent, but percentage reduction will be determined through possible tax modifications on sugar, the same sources added.

Moreover, taxes on some 40 agricultural products, especially tomato juice, will be lowered by about 2 percent.

The tariffs on three kinds of agricultural equipment such as tractors will be lifted and those on 25 other goods, such as tapes, calculators, batteries and certain kinds of paper, will be lowered by a minimum of 0.7 percent and a maximum of three percent.

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Turkey, S. Korea to strengthen ties

SEOUL, Dec. 23 (R) — Turkey and South Korea have agreed to promote joint ventures and expand trade, economic and technical cooperation, a joint communiqué said here Thursday.

The communiqué, summing up a four-day official visit here by President Kenan Evren, the first by a Turkish head of state, said he agreed with Korean President Chun Doo Hwan that the trend of international trade protectionism was worrying.

They urged industrialized countries to "take into account the efforts of developing countries to advance into the markets of developed nations," it said.

Gen. Evren left here earlier Thursday for Bangladesh as part of his five-nation Asian tour which will also include Pakistan. He has already visited China and Indonesia.

Ankara also supports a South Korean proposal for a meeting between Chun and North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung to discuss possible reunification of the bisected Korean peninsula, it said.

Hanoi reels under shortages

BANGKOK, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Vietnam is suffering from acute shortages of energy, raw materials and spare parts, and waste and corruption are still "rampant", according to the Vietnam news agency.

In a major economic report to the national assembly, which opened its semi-annual session in Hanoi on Monday, Deputy Premier Vo Van Kiet said the economy was unable to meet even "the imperative needs of life," the agency reported Wednesday night.

"Our present capabilities are far below the demands of the urgent economic and social needs and the imperative needs of life," said Kiet, who is chairman of the state planning commission.

He said manpower was being under-used along with productive inputs from agriculture, fishing and forested land, while "quality and performance" was poor in production, construction and transport.

The report said that Vietnam was short of

Global steel output dips by 19 percent

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23 (R) — The International Iron and Steel Institute Thursday issued gloomy statistics showing a 19 percent fall in crude steel production last month compared with November 1981.

The latest monthly figure of 28.9 million tons is based on returns from 29 countries which together account for almost two-thirds of world steel production.

The statistics showed that the steel industry recession was biting harder in the United States than in other main producing countries. U.S. production for November totaled 4.2 million tons 42 percent less than during the same month last year.

European Economic Community production also went down steeply, dropping by 25 percent to 8.1 million tons. Japan's production was nine percent lower at 7.9 million tons.

For the first 11 months of this year, total production for the countries was 360 million tons, 13 percent lower than during the same period last year. U.S. production fell by 39 percent to 62 million tons, the Common Market's by 10 percent to 103 million, and Japan's by 1.5 percent to 92 million.

EEC jobless total mounts to 11.7m

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — The Common Market reported a record 10.2 percent unemployment for November and announced that its main priority for next year would be to put Europeans back to work.

There were 11.7 million people out of work in the 10-nation trade bloc in November, 18,000 more than the previous month and 1.8 million more than a year ago. It was the sixth straight monthly hike in joblessness and the highest total since post-World War II record-keeping began.

"The available data shows a further rise in unemployment over and above the norm for this part of the year," the statistical service said. Even in countries where there was little percentage change, "unemployment seems to have stabilized at a high level," the report said.

Percentage unemployment rates for EEC countries are: Belgium 14.9, Ireland 13.9, Britain 11.9, the Netherlands 11.4, Italy 11.2, France 9.5, Denmark 9.3, West Germany 7.7, Greece 1.8 and Luxembourg 1.5.

E. Germany, Iran sign agreement

LONDON, Dec. 23 (R) — Iran and East Germany have signed an agreement for the expansion of technical and economic ties between the two countries, the national news agency Irna said Thursday.

It said the agreement was signed by Iranian Minister of Industry Mostafa Hashemi and Guenther Wysocki, East German's minister of chemical industry who is visiting Iran.

East Germany will purchase non-oil products from Iran valued at about \$75 million, Irna said, without saying over what period.

The deal calls for the expansion of bilateral trade in electronics, cement industry, factory building, production of machinery and communication cables, and the supply of chemical raw materials to Iran, Irna said.

Last August an Iranian delegation visited East Germany and discussions were held on the expansion of trade and economic ties between the two countries.

Eurodollar rates decline

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — There were few surprises on the New York markets Wednesday night and Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates traded weekly around 5 1/2 percent and fell below the 5 percent levels for the first time in the past year. Trading volumes were small and dealers were not too anxious in getting involved in serious dealing before holiday break.

Eurodollar deposit rates continued to remain sluggish and fell by another 1/16 percent to trade around 9 5/16 percent for the one-month tenor and 9 11/16 percent for the one-year. Shorter-dated funds were generally more actively traded and the week tenor was quoted at 8 1/2 - 8 3/4 percent levels.

The bullion markets settled down to quiet trading Thursday after the sharp rises of Wednesday. Gold traded around the \$444 - \$445 level after failing to hold the \$450 benchmark reached on Tuesday in hectic trading. Profit-taking set in Thursday and dealers reported some cutting back of positions. Silver trading was more erratic and fluctuated around \$10.80 to \$10.75 an ounce, with the market still being unsettled over President Reagan's decision to limit silver stockpile sales.

On the Thursday European markets, the dollar traded weakly in small volumes, with the yen making the only major advance against the American currency. The Japanese currency traded around the 239.50 levels after it was quoted at the 240.60 prices on Wednesday. The decision of the

Bank of Japan not to reduce its discount rate for the time being affected the dollar.

In other currency news the British pound was lower and traded around 1.6105 to 1.6090 levels in mixed trading. Once again the Bank of England gave signals to the market that it did not wish to see U.K. interest rates rise for the time being. The French franc continued to take the markets by storm and traded around 6.7980 levels over 6.82 levels a few days ago. The French central bank hardly intervened to prop up the franc this time. The German mark was stronger at 2.4040 levels but not much business was reported out of Frankfurt, while the Swiss franc was marginally stronger at 2.0130 levels. All in all, it painted a mixed picture for the dollar and smaller erosions in its value are expected prior to the year-end closings.

In the local markets, rial deposit picked up slightly to take the shorter-dated fund up by 1/4 percent over Wednesday levels. The week-fixed rose to 7 1/4 - 7 1/2 percent while the one-month JIBOR was also up to 7 1/4 - 7 1/2 percent levels. Trading volumes were still thin, however, and the rial was generally traded in the shorter periods. The spot exchange price averaged around 3.4395-01 levels in quiet trading.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	447.25
Paris	444.98
Frankfurt	447.00
Zurich	446.25
Hong Kong	445.34

IMF lends \$533m to Brazil

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Brazil will receive a loan of 498.7 million special drawing rights (SDRs), amounting to about \$533 million from the International Monetary Fund, the IMF has announced.

Moreover, the U.S. treasury plans to lend \$300 million to Brazil, whose foreign debt is believed to be among the world's five largest. That loan was announced Wednesday by Carlos Langoni, the Brazilian central bank director.

Analysts said the two loans would allow Brazil to meet current obligations while awaiting a standby credit from the IMF amounting to \$4.9 billion and long-term loan from a number of international banks, perhaps by next month.

The latest U.S. loan will bring the total amount of U.S. financial aid to Brazil to \$1.33 billion since late October.

The announcements came a day after the World Bank announced a \$374-million loan to Brazil, to allow it to develop its small and medium-sized businesses and to pursue a road-building program.

"Everybody's joining in to help Brazil," said an international banking source, who added that the Bank for International Settlements is expected to send Brazil more than \$1 billion in short-term loans early next month.

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The series of loans, most of them short-term — reflected Brazil's problems in meeting current payments. Last week, the Banco do Brasil had to ask U.S. banks and the Federal Reserve to save it from imminent default. Brazil's liquidity problems have been precipitated by a lack of hard currency, largely because of severe declines in exports. The IMF's SDRs were granted for that reason, it said Wednesday in a statement.

The statement noted that Brazil has been badly hurt by severe declines in world prices for soybean products, sugar, coffee and paper pulp. It also said Brazil's manufactured products have also suffered, as result of decreased demand from its main trading partners in the Third World.

Brazil's problems with its foreign trade balance have been compounded by its overall debt, which grew quickly this year as a result of high interest rates, the IMF statement said.

The IMF's long-term plan for Brazil, currently being elaborated, will seek to impose an economic austerity program in exchange for the \$4.9 billion standby credit. The plan also calls for acceptance by Brazil's creditors of a plan submitted to them in New York Monday by Langoni.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The 10-member European Economic Community (EEC), with the exception of Greece, Thursday decided on another year's curbs on certain imports from the Soviet Union, mainly luxury goods. This trade accounts for only two percent of imports from the USSR, the measure being a protest gesture against the martial law in Poland.

PARIS, (AFP) — Valeo of France Thursday announced the granting of a production

Australia freezes workers' wages

SYDNEY, Dec. 23 (R) — Australia's seven million workers have had their wages frozen for at least the next six months as part of the government's fight against rising inflation and unemployment.

The arbitration commission said it had frozen private sector wages for six months until June 28 when it will review the situation.

The government had already frozen public service wages for a year and wanted the same standstill in private industry.

The decision was the final round in a three week struggle by the government to enforce a 12 month freeze which it said would release about \$300 million for job creation programs.

Both employer and union groups expressed disappointment at the decision. A confederation of Australian industry spokesmen said the freeze should have been for 12 months to ensure it was effective.

licose to the Soviet Union for its vehicle clutch systems, for about \$6 million. The Soviet-made clutch systems will be used on new type farm machinery to be produced from 1986 onward. Output is targeted at 35,000 systems a year, and Valeo will assist in setting up the plant.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — The United States computer giant IBM is to buy a 12 percent stake in Intel Corp. one of the world's biggest manufacturers of semiconductors, for \$250 million the firm has announced. IBM added that it would buy 6,250,000 Intel shares at \$40 each, and that it would have an option of buying up to 30 percent of Intel's capital.

PEKING, (AFP) — China has authorized the French Indosuez Bank to open an agency in the special economic zone of Shenzhen, to the south of the country near Hong Kong, the bank announced in a communiqué here Thursday, Indosuez, which opened an agency in Peking in March, is the first French bank to win approval to operate in the Shenzhen economic zone, which was created in 1980 to attract foreign capital and technology.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — The Soviet Union will supply 200,000 metric tons of wheat and 11,000 tons of wheat flour to Afghanistan next year, Kabul radio has announced. The broadcast, monitored here, said under the agreement signed in Kabul, half the wheat would be given as grant aid. The other 100,000 tons would be in exchange for Afghan commodities. It did not identify the commodities that Afghanistan would supply.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:20 p.m. Thursday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka	14.75	14.75
Belgian Franc (1,000)	76.60	76.60
Canadian Dollar	279.00	279.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.65	143.52
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.10	129.95
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	50.90	50.70
Greek Drachma (1,000)	48.95	48.95
Indian Rupee (100)	35.40	35.40
Irish Punt (100)	6.25	6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.10	25.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.75	9.75
Jordanian Dinar	11.92	11.89
Kuwaiti Dinar	88.85	88.65
Lebanese Lira (100)	56.00	54.55
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.10	26.60
Pakistani Rupee (100)	38.30	38.30
Philippine Peso (100)	5.57	5.55
Saudi Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)	16.70	16.70
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	28.00	27.20
Swiss Franc (100)	171.10	170.92
Syrian Lira (1,000)	60.25	60.45
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
U.S. Dollar	75.30	75.10
Yemeni Riyal (100)		

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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closure Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Asphalting pavement and lighting of Najran	127	5,000	Jan. 15
Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail Region	Catering for Hail Hospital, 1403-4	—	500	Jan. 8
Interior Ministry, College of Internal Security Forces	Setting up a training hall	—	4,000	Dec. 18
University of Petroleum and Minerals	Maintenance of campus gardens	—	250	Dec. 15
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Supervision of Tabuk beautification project	129	1,000	Jan. 4
	Filling-in of low lying areas in Ratha (Third time)	2730	500	Jan. 16

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

7RD RABI AL AWWAL 1403/22TH DECEMBER 1982

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3	Saudi Palm	M.E.S.A.	General/Reef	20.12.82
5	Golden Ace	A.E.T.	Vehicles	22.12.82
6	Kota Cantik	O.C.E.	Canned Food/Gen.	21.12.82
7	Pellees	O.C.E.	Unite/Rice/Gen.	20.12.82
8	Al Bandar	Mafarji	Bagged Barley	17.12.82
9	Island Mariner	A.A.	Bulk Cement	19.12.82
11	Damless	Alsbah	Bagged Barley	20.12.82
12	Maistros	Algezirah	Steel/Rice/Gen.	17.12.82
14	Reef Star	O.C.E.	Oranges	19.12.82
17	Mazin	Sadaka	Oil Cake/Tombak	18.12.82
18	Achilleus	Roloco	Bulk Cement	13.12.82
19	Saqr Jubail	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	21.12.82
20	Al Mareekh	Star	Fruit/Chicken	20.12.82
21	Pegasus	Orri	Asbestos	21.12.82
24	Jedro	Star	Tiles	21.12.82
26	Saudi Trader	M.E.S.A.	Timber/General	21.12.82
28	Semell	El Hawi	Bagged Barley	20.12.82
33	Hilco Sprinter	Star	Eggs/Fruits	17.12.82
38	Theodoros II	Red Sea	Wire Netting/Barbed	17.12.82
40	Ianniss II	Star	Durra	14.12.82
41	Saria	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	14.12.82
42	Kara Unicorn	Star	Durra	07.12.82
43	Maldive Prize	Barnadiah	Bagged Barley	20.12.82

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SHIP MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

7.3.1403/22.12.1982 CHANGES OF THE PAST 48 HOURS

1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3	Chios Clipper	O.C.E.	Frozen Chickens	21.12.82
4	Galora I	Gosabli	Plywood	21.12.82
8	Staphan Reelkman	Al Tawil	Fert/Gen.	20.12.82
11	Rice Trade	Barber	Rice	21.12.82
12	Nafeli	Gosabli	Timber	20.12.82
14	Ulysses	Orri	Steel	18.12.82
24	Pamela	Kanoo	Gen./Cont.	17.12.82
25	Barzan	Kanoo	Containers	17.12.82
28	Andrea Marzario	ANET	Containers	17.12.82
30	Rebecca Wesch	Saita	Bagged Barley	10.12.82
31	Stratheden	Kanoo	Gen./Cont.	17.12.82
35	Guliyang	Orri	General	16.12.82
36	Cyclop	Orri	General	9.12.82
37	Molda (DB.)	Alsnvz	Bulk Cement	9.12.82
38	Homeria (D.B.)	AET	Bulk Cement	15.12.82
39	Meniane Alfoe (D.B.)	Globe	Bulk Cement	17.12.82

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:

RECENT ARRIVALS				
	Myonjin	Alfreza	Cars	16.12.82
	Xao Shan	Sbarber	General	16.12.82
	Discovery Bay	Kanoo	Gen./Ref	16.12.82
	Guyang	Ori	General	16.12.82
	Aramedia	YMC	Tiles	16.12.82
	Berco QN-111	Barber	To Load Cont.	17.12.82

Thought for today
It is when the holiday is over that we begin to enjoy it — A.G. Gardiner. English journalist (1865-1946).

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Islam in perspective

Commentary by Sayyid Quthb

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent.

He is who has created the heavens and the earth in six days whereas His throne has rested upon water — so that He may test you (to prove) which of you is best in conduct. Yet if you say to them: "You shall be raised again after death," those who disbelieve are sure to say: "This is nothing but plain magic."

(Houd: 11; 7)

Matching science with Qur'an

The Qur'anic verse quoted above comes immediately after the verses on which we have commented over the last two weeks. It begins a passage which aims to make people aware of their true Lord, drawing their attention to the fact that He has created the heavens and the earth according to a certain system divided into well-defined stages, and for a certain purpose. It points out certain manifestations of Allah's power and wisdom which fit well with the theme of resurrection and reckoning, action and reward. The verse speaks of the creation of the heavens and the earth in six days. We have already commented on this fact earlier in this column. It is enough to state this time that this statement refers to the creation of the universe with all its stars and planets and the perfect system that combines them all. It also refers to the creation of every living being, human, animal or plant with their different characteristics and endless modes of life. The creation of the heavens and the earth is referred to here in order to establish that there is a definite link between the system which holds the universe together and the system of human life: "So that He may test you to prove which of you is best in conduct."

As this verse refers to Allah's creation it adds here that "His throne has rested upon water." This signifies that when Allah created the heavens and the earth, that is, when He brought them into existence in the shape and form they ended up with, water was there and Allah's throne rested on water.

Where, how and in what condition was this water? How did Allah's throne rest on

it? These are questions which are not answered in the Qur'anic text. It is not for any commentator who knows his limits to add anything to what the Qur'anic statement signifies. What Allah has chosen not to reveal to us we cannot know from any other source.

Nor is it for us to try to find some endorsement of any Qur'anic statement by what we call "scientific" theories, even if the Qur'anic statement, at its face value, fits well with any particular theory. "Scientific" theories are always liable to be turned upside down whenever scientists, having tested a new assumption, discover that it provides a more credible explanation of natural and universal phenomena than their earlier theory. Every Qur'anic statement is true regardless of whether or not science discovers the fact it states. There is a difference between what we consider to be a scientific fact and what is a scientific theory. A scientific fact is subject to experiment, but it remains always contingent, not absolute. A scientific theory, on the other hand, is based on an assumption which aims to explain a certain natural phenomenon. It admits changes and amendments. It may even be proved wrong. Hence it may not be used to explain any Qur'anic statement, nor can it be supported by the Qur'an. Its scope is different from that of the Divine Book.

To seek compatibility between Qur'anic statements and "scientific" theories betrays lack of seriousness in one's faith in the Qur'an and one's acceptance of it as true and as revealed by Allah who is all-aware, wise. It betrays a defeatist attitude gener-

ated by one's fascination with "science" and by giving science a role far greater than its natural one. Let those who think that by attempting to establish compatibility between the Qur'an and "science", they do the Qur'an and faith a service be careful. Defeat is creeping into their hearts. Faith which depends on the findings of the ever-changing human knowledge and human science in order to be more firmly established is one which needs to be reviewed. The Qur'an comes first. It is true. It is immaterial whether scientific theories are in agreement or disagreement with the Qur'an. Experimental scientific facts, on the other hand, operate within an area different from that of the Qur'an. The Qur'an has left such facts to us to work with them freely, and make whatever conclusions our experiments establish. The Qur'an, on the other hand, has taken upon itself to establish in the human mind the values of righteousness and sound reasoning and to liberate it from delusion, legend and superstition. It has also sought to establish a way of life which ensures that the human mind remains sound, liberated and active. It leaves it to operate within its scope and to establish by its own experiments whatever practical facts it concludes. The Qur'an only rarely mentions scientific facts, such as that water is the source of life and the element common in all living creatures, and that all living creatures have been created in pairs, even the self-fertilizing plants which contain both male and female cells.

Let us now reflect on this verse from the proper point of view, that is, faith and life: "He is who has created the heavens and the earth in six days — whereas His throne has rested upon water — so that He may test you to prove which of you is best in conduct."

He has created the heavens and the earth in six days. There are several points which are not expressly stated here but they are referred to in what comes later on. He has created them in this span of time so that they are suitable for the emergence of human life. He has also created man and

made the earth and the part of heavens. He may use subject to His will. He Himself exercises His power over the whole universe. "So that He may test you to prove which of you is best in conduct." The text here makes the creation of the heavens and the earth in six days, with the fact that Allah has power over the whole universe, seems to be made for the purpose of testing man. This adds to the seriousness of the test and makes people feel their own importance.

As Allah, the Creator, has endowed the earth and the heavens with what makes the emergence of the human race possible. He has equipped man with certain abilities and made his nature responsive to the law which governs the universe. He has also left him an area of free choice in his life. Man, therefore, is capable of choosing the path of right guidance, whereupon he is helped along that route by Allah. He can also choose the path which leads him astray, and Allah lets him go along the path he has chosen. He has left people to do whatever they like, so that he may test them and see who is the best in conduct amongst them. He does not, however, test them in order that he may find out anything. Indeed He knows, and there is no limit to His knowledge. He tests them to make their secret actions appear on the surface. They will then receive their reward or punishment according to Allah's will and justice.

The denial of the resurrection and the reckoning and the handing out of rewards sounds very strange in this context. When it is stated that testing people is linked with creation of the heavens and the earth and is essential to this system of the universe and the laws of existence, those who deny it sound absurd, ignorant of the major facts of the creation of this universe. For this reason they are surprised and stunned by these facts: "Yet if you say to them: You shall be raised again after death, those who disbelieve are sure to say: This is nothing but plain magic!"

What a strange claim. How false it sounds in the light of the preceding Qur'anic statement.

Zakah: How it benefits the individual

Zakah is one of the five major duties a Muslim is required to do in order that he gives credence to his claim to be a Muslim. It looks after the social aspects of the life of the Muslim community. In our series of articles on the zakah system we have already established its religious basis as well as its devotional nature. We have dwelt briefly on its characteristics as a system of social security. We have discussed in detail the purposes to which it is put, outlining its beneficiaries as well as those who may not benefit from it. Much more can be written on zakah. In our present series of articles, however, we want to bring our discussion to a conclusion shedding some light on the benefits of zakah to the Muslim individual and the community at large.

Allah instructs the Prophet, and every Muslim ruler as well, to take our offerings (i.e. sadaqah) so that you may cleanse them thereby and cause them to grow in purity. (9; 103). Thus is purpose of zakah. It is a duty which cleanses and purifies its performer, in both material and spiritual senses.

As a Muslim pays out his zakah in fulfillment of Allah's commandment, seeking His pleasure, his action purifies his soul of his sins generally and of the greed in particular. Man naturally loves to accumulate wealth. This tendency must, however, be tempered with the desire to help others who are less fortunate. Both the Qur'an and the pronouncements of the Prophet emphasize the need to overcome greed. Zakah provides a procedure by which a person can overcome his greed and delight in helping the poor as he realizes that with such help Islam has an inherent mechanism for making the Muslim triumph over the usually overpowering love of wealth which is a tendency in every human being.

The regularity of paying zakah makes it a habit which is very beneficial to man. As we

acquire this habit we develop in the process the honorable characteristic of helping others in their hour of need. It would be easy for us to part with our money in order to help others in any emergency, without waiting for the time when our zakah becomes due. It is needless to say that a person who develops the habit of helping others is least likely to entertain any thoughts of stealing what belongs to others or embezzlement of funds which come under his charge. For this reason, the Qur'an is full of praise of those who give away a portion of their money to others to help them in their difficult circumstances. Although the detailed system of zakah was not revealed before the Islamic state was established in Madinah, the parts of the Qur'an which were revealed in Makkah also commend those who are charitable and helpful to their brethren. Indeed, to give is an attribute of Allah, the Supreme Being Himself. Since He alone is perfect, giving is an attribute of perfection. When we give away something we love to our fellow human beings then we grow nearer to the standard of perfection.

As Muslims, we believe that whatever we have is granted to us by Allah. We do not earn our money with our effort. We earn it with the help of Allah. He has given us whether talent or ability or education we have, and without which we cannot earn our living. To be thankful and grateful to Him is an elementary duty. Zakah is a practical manifestation of our gratitude to Allah. When we pray or praise Allah we show our gratitude to Him for making us healthy and giving us our strength. Similarly, when we give our offerings we manifest our gratitude for the wealth He has given us. When we look at the poor we cannot but feel grateful that we ourselves have been spared the humiliation of seeking help from others. A worthy notion which is commonly accepted among Muslims is that

every grace we receive from Allah should be accepted with a manifestation of gratitude. The term zakah and its derivatives are figuratively used for reminding ourselves of the need to show such gratitude. People encourage one another by saying "give away zakah for the fact that you are healthy, or for your vision, your knowledge, or for the fact that your children are intelligent, etc."

Zakah also helps us to look at this life in its proper perspective. When we give away our zakah we realize that to be wealthy is not the mark of distinction. The true mark of distinction is that of obedience to Allah and fulfillment of our duties. We have only to look around us to realize that Allah gives the riches of this life to those whom He loves as well as to those whom He does not love, to the believer as well as to the unbeliever, to the pious and to the transgressor. This emphasizes the Islamic view that many may be tried with all sorts of afflictions, and he may be tried with abundance to pass his test and win the pleasure of Allah.

The good effects zakah leaves on the character of the giver are obvious. It is also a means to spread love among the Muslim community and to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and unity among Muslims. Zakah is also a means to purify one's earnings. Such purification comes only with the payment of what is due to the others. Allah states clearly that the poor have a right to the possessions of the rich. In their (the believers') possessions there is a due share, acknowledged by them, for such as ask for help and such as are deprived." (70; 24-25). This emphasizes what we have stressed earlier: zakah is not act of voluntary kindness by the rich; it is their duty as well as the right of the poor.

We should add that zakah does not purify

any money which has been earned by unlawful means. Thus if one usurps what belongs to others, or if one earns his money through usury, what he has usurped or earned through such foul means remains unlawful to him, no matter how much he gives out of it to the poor and the needy. It is not the purpose of zakah to make lawful what Allah has made unlawful.

So far we have spoken of the effects of zakah on the individual who gives it away. Zakah is also beneficial to the person who receives it. Its immediate benefits are obvious. The poor, the needy, the slaves, the insolvent debtors, and the stranded wayfarers all have their immediate needs satisfied through this perfect institution of social security. Beyond this, there is another benefit. Islam does not like that people should be encumbered with material needs. It seeks to relieve them from such burdens so that they can fulfill their role in life and implement the way of life Allah has chosen for mankind. Islam does not glorify self-denial, as practised by some mystic schools. It wants people to lead a happy life, free from the pressures of need, in the full sense of the word. With zakah, both the rich and the poor are able to live the life of noble human beings. After all, Allah has ennobled man so that man can lead a noble life.

The person who is in need of help, and receives zakah, finds himself purged of any traces of envy and hatred to those who are more fortunate than he is. We do not need to dwell for long the evil effects of envy. Suffice it to say that envy is sure to destroy any feeling of brotherhood and love in this society. Muslims must feel humbly grateful to Allah for having legislated for them the zakah system which is the most effective method of eradicating envy and cementing love and brotherhood in their society.

Sacrifice during pilgrimage

Q. It has been suggested to me that it may be more useful to give the price of the sheep one is supposed to sacrifice during pilgrimage to a poor person, preferably a poor relative in one's own country. Is this valid?

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A Pilgrims can choose one of three methods of offering pilgrimage. They are called, according to the method they adopt, Mutamatti, Qarin or Mufrid. The first two types add what is described as mini-pilgrimage, or Umrah, to pilgrimage. Those who choose the first method perform Umrah before pilgrimage while the second group combine Umrah with pilgrimage at the same time. Those who adopt the last method perform their pilgrimage without adding Umrah to it. The fact that many of them perform Umrah after the end of their pilgrimage does not affect our definition.

The first two groups, that is, those who add Umrah to pilgrimage must also offer a sacrifice which is a sheep or a goat. Seven pilgrims may just as well share together in sacrificing a cow or a camel. In that case, sacrifice is a duty which cannot be replaced by any other offering. So, to give the price of the animal a pilgrim intends to sacrifice to a poor person is not valid as a substitute. By so doing, one assumes for oneself a power of discretion which is not given him by Allah.

Also, any pilgrim who omits one of the duties of pilgrims, regardless of the method of offering pilgrimage he has adopted, or do it in an invalid manner compensates for it by sacrificing an animal.

If the pilgrim is poor and cannot afford to sacrifice a sheep or a goat he compensates for that by fasting three days during pilgrimage and seven more days when he has returned to his home town. That is, he fasts ten days in total.

A pilgrim who adopts the Mufrid method may, if he chooses, sacrifice an animal. This is voluntary. It is possible, therefore, to argue in

this case that it may be more beneficial, and more rewarding, to give away some money to the poor than to sacrifice an animal at a time when there are not many people who wish to benefit from such sacrifice. In cases where sacrifice is obligatory, as in the two other methods of pilgrimage, the sacrifice must be offered in kind, not in cash.

Allah's prior knowledge

Q 1. While every act of ours occurs and is caused to occur with the consent of Allah and with His advance knowledge, then how is the concept of reward and punishment applicable?

Q 2. Was the sacrifice offered by Prophet Ibrahim on the tenth of Dhu al-Hijjah, and are Muslims following the same date since then?

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A 1. We have to distinguish, between two totally different things, namely, Allah's prior knowledge of our actions, and His consent to them. That Allah knows anything we do or intend to do before we embark on it, or indeed, before we are born, is something Muslims accept without question. His knowledge does not mean that He actually orders us to do whatever we do. Nor does it mean that He consents to what we do. He only consents to what He has made lawful for us. No criminal commit his crime and no sinner indulges in his sin with the consent of Allah. It is incomprehensible that Allah should consent to something that He has forbidden. But, since Allah is all-aware, since He hears all and sees all, He knows everything. This is what we mean when we use the term "all-knowing" as one of His attributes.

The element of time does not interfere with His knowledge. After all, time is incidental to the position of the earth in relation to the sun and to the fact that the earth goes round the sun. Time, as we know it, does not apply except to the earth. Hence, it cannot apply to Allah and His knowledge. We cannot say that

Allah acquired any information at a particular time. We cannot imagine a time prior to which Allah did not know something and came to know it at a later stage. His knowledge has always been complete.

That fact that Allah knows our actions before we are born does not mean that He predetermines our actions. Indeed, the opposite is true. As He creates us He also creates our ability to choose what to do and what to omit. He cannot give us such an ability and then deprive us of the power to use it. What we do or leave undone is the result of our exercise of our ability to choose our actions. Since we have such an ability, it is natural that we should be held accountable for the way we exercise it. The Prophet says: Allah's knowledge of you is the same like the sky above you or the earth on which you walk. Heavens do not impose anything on us.

A 2. Yes.

Mosque Greeting

Q Does the Hanafi school of thought permit offering the prayer known as the Mosque Greeting if someone enters the Mosque on Friday when the sermon is in progress?

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A Yes. It is permissible to offer this prayer as one arrives in the Mosque. He should, however, offer this prayer, which is not compulsory, before he sits down if the sermon is in progress. If he sits first then he should not stand up to offer his prayers of Mosque Greeting while the Imam is delivering the sermon.

Greeting non-Muslims

Q Is it permissible to greet non-Muslims with "Assalamu alaikum"?

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A It is perfectly all right to take the initiative and greet one's friends and acquaintances who are not Muslims when one meets them. Every Muslim should maintain good manners and should be friendly with all peo-

ple. It is not Islamic to adopt a hostile attitude toward ordinary people simply because they follow other religions. If a person, however, is known to be hostile to Muslims then one should not be the first to greet him. This is not because he is a non-Muslim, but because he is hostile to Muslims. It is the fact that he has chosen to adopt a hostile attitude to Muslims that makes our taking the initiative and greeting him not compatible with the dignity of our faith.

It is preferable to use with non-Muslims a greeting other than *Assalamu alaikum*.

Obedience to one's boss

Q What can you say to a Muslim who shows obedience to his boss who is not obedient to Allah and the Prophet?

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A A Muslim is a good-mannered, well behaved person. He is not a rebellious or quarrelsome person. He teaches by example. He earns respect by his congenial relations with others. If he works under a boss who openly indulges in sin he should remember that he is not responsible for that person's sins. He is only accountable for his own actions. Since he is required to obey his boss then he should carry out his orders unless his boss orders him to do something which is forbidden. In that case he refuses to obey, not because the boss does not obey Allah in his own affairs, but because a Muslim does not accept an order to disobey Allah. The Prophet says: No creature should be obeyed in violation of the Creator's commands.

Reply to a Binayti worker

I have received a letter from a Binayti worker complaining about the delay in the payment of the workers' wages. It is beyond the scope of this column and the jurisdiction of this paper to take up such a private affair. If the writer is not happy with his conditions of work he should take the matter up with the management or the board of the company he works for, or else, he should seek another job.

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Attempts to assault Allah's Messenger

By Adil Salahi

When the right and left flanks of the Qurash army managed to attack the Muslims from behind, the main body of the attacking army of Qurash, which had already beaten retreat, managed to turn back and launch a counter-attack against the Muslims. Thus the Muslims were caught in between firing lines. Confusion spread among them and many of them were leaving the battlefield. The Prophet called them back, but hardly any of them heard him as he shouted to them by name.

We have mentioned earlier that Qurash aimed, if the war broke out, to try to kill as many of the leading Muslim figures as possible. Now it went for the highest prize of all, namely, Muhammad himself. A determined attack was launched with the single aim of killing the Prophet. Qurash realized that the Muslims would not be able to survive if they were to be deprived of the guidance the Prophet provided. Their sense of nationhood was not yet strong enough to weather such a storm as the killing of the Prophet would bring about. Thus, by attacking the Prophet personally Qurash indeed went for the one aim which would realize for it all it had been hoping for.

The Prophet himself, as mentioned last week, stood firm together with a handful of his companions. They moved to a less vulnerable position facing a most determined attack by the unbelievers. Everyone of his companions who remained with him and who were not many more than ten, was willing to defend the Prophet, endangering his own life in the process. The best show in the defense of the Prophet was, however, put by a man called Talhah ibn Ubaidillah. Talhah was one of the Muhajireen. He was only fifteen or sixteen when he adopted Islam in the very first week of the Prophet receiving Allah's revelation. Now, a man of thirty, he was continuing his unblemished record of devoted service to the cause of Islam. At Uhud, however, he surpassed himself. He fought as hard and as determinedly as anyone could imagine. He carried his sword and dashed here and there in front of the Prophet or behind him or to his left or to his right, beating off whatever danger was approaching. He walked round the Prophet, making his own body a shield protecting the Prophet from the swords and the spears of his attackers. He continued to do so until the Qurash attack was beaten off. Indeed, no one was as effective as Talhah in protecting the Prophet that day. For this reason the Prophet praised him and said: "Talhah has made it a must." What the Prophet meant was that Talhah has made it inevitable that Allah would admit him to heaven because of his determined defense of the Prophet. The Muslims recognized the role played by Talhah in Uhud and that he alone did the work of a whole unit. Abu Bakr himself, the Prophet's closest companion and one of those who stood firm when the Muslims were badly shaken, used to say of the battle of Uhud: "That day belonged totally to Talhah."

Shammas ibn Uthman of the Makhzum clan of Qurash was another man who defended the Prophet well. Every time the Prophet looked right or left he found Shammas fighting in that direction. Apparently the attackers came very close to the Prophet so that several of his defenders had to shield him with their own bodies. One of those was Shammas who dug his feet in the ground as he shielded the Prophet until he was killed. "The Prophet said: 'I have never seen the like of Shammas except in heaven.'"

Abu Dujanah, whom we have seen earlier taking the Prophet's sword "for its due value," which was "to fight the enemy with it until it was bent," was one of those who shielded the Prophet with their own bodies. This action is credited only to three of the Prophet's companions, namely Talhah, Shammas and Abu Dujanah. The last of the three received so many arrows in his back as he bent his body over the Prophet to protect him. Other companions of the Prophet tried to repel the attack by fighting extremely hard. Two of them were among the best marksmen with the arrows. One of them, Abu Talhah, a man from the Ansar, put down all his arrows in front of the Prophet and used them one by one. When the Prophet saw any of his companions with a bag of arrows he would ask him to give it to Abu Talhah. The Prophet followed every arrow Abu Talhah threw to see whom it hit. Abu Talhah used to say to him: "Prophet, may my father and mother be sacrificed for you. Do not look lest one of their arrows hit you. I would rather receive the arrow aimed at you in my own neck or face." Sa'ad ibn Abu Waqqas was perhaps that best marksman among the Muhajireen. He also remained steadfast with the Prophet, trying to repel the attackers with his arrows. The Prophet himself handed him the arrows

and every time he did so he said to him: "Throw it Sa'ad, let my father and mother be your ransom." He would even give him an arrow without a head and Sa'ad would use it.

This expression of sacrificing one's parents for another was a common expression used by the Arabs. It was not meant literally, but it signified a great degree of love and devotion. The Prophet did not use that expression with anyone except Sa'ad ibn Abu Waqqas who was related to the Prophet's own mother. Indeed, the Prophet used to take pride in Sa'ad and say: "This is my uncle. Let everyone show me his uncle." It is useful to mention that Sa'ad was more than twenty years younger than the Prophet.

We cannot truly appreciate the strength of the attack mounted by Qurash against the Prophet himself unless we realize what sort of fight his companions had to put in his defense. A woman, Nasseebah hint Ka'ah, of the Ansar, went out with the Muslim army carrying water for the soldiers. When she realized that the Prophet was being attacked so determinedly and that most of the Muslims were in a state of total confusion, she put down her water and took up a sword. Tying up her dress on her waist she fought harder than any man and received at least thirteen wounds. One of them, in her shoulder, was so deep that it could never heal and it was caused by a man called Ibn Qam'ah who tried hard to be the one who killed the Prophet. The Prophet said of her: "I saw her defending me every time I looked right or left."

Al-Hubab ibn Al-Munthir stood like a rock as he fought off a full unit of the unbelievers. They overwhelmed him eventually and those who saw him felt that he could never come alive. He, however, managed to fight his way out before taking the role of the attacker. They were soon fleeing away.

Mus'ab ibn Umayr, one of the Prophet's defenders, put himself in the way when Ibn Qam'ah leveled a blow at the Prophet. Mus'ab was killed and Ibn Qam'ah thought he achieved his goal of killing the Prophet. He went back to the unbelievers to tell them that he did so. This was how the news of the Prophet being killed was spread around. A few men from the Ansar also fought hard in the defense of the Prophet until they were killed one by one. The last of the group was Zaid ibn As-Sakan who was fatally wounded. The Prophet laid him down and put his head on his foot until he died.

More Muslims came to the defense of the Prophet. Everyone of them came and spoke to him saying: "I put my life to save you. I leave you in peace without saying farewell." Perhaps thirty people were killed as they defended the Prophet.

Four men of Qurash were even more determined to kill the Prophet. They pledged to one another that they would not be deterred from killing him. This was well known in Makkah where everyone of Qurash expected them to be true to their word. When the assault on the Prophet was at its highest, the four of them were in the thick of it. Abdullah ibn Shihab managed, indeed, to hit the Prophet causing a cut in his forehead. His beard was red with blood. Ubayh ibn Abu Waqqas, the brother of Sa'ad who was defending the Prophet so bravely, managed to hit the Prophet in his lower lip and to break one of his front teeth. Amr ibn Qam'ah succeeded in hitting him in his cheek. Two links of the Prophet's iron mask penetrated into his flesh. Amr then hit the Prophet with his sword on his shoulder and the Prophet fell in a hole in the ground and was unable to rise again. Ali ibn Abu Talib held the Prophet's hand while Talhah ibn Ubaidillah lifted him. This injury of the Prophet caused him pain for a whole month. Ubayh ibn Khalaf aimed his spear at the Prophet and said: "You liar, where will you flee from me?" The Prophet hit him with a spear in his neck and he went back snoring like a bull and died on his way to Makkah.

By then the Muslims realized that the Prophet was not killed and they were rejoicing the battle. As they rallied the first to recognize the Prophet was Ka'ah ibn Malik who said: "I recognized him with his eyes beaming through his headmask. I shouted with this piece of happy news to the Muslims, but the Prophet motioned me to keep quiet."

More support was coming to the Prophet and a group of his companions moved him to a well-protected area at the foot of the mountain where he was with a number of his companions. He wanted to climb a rock in the mountain but was unable to do so because of loss of so much blood. Talhah ibn Ubaidillah, however, sat underneath him and lifted him to help him climb the rock until he was over it. The Prophet was touched by Talhah's gesture and gave him the title "Talhah al-Khair". Meaning that he was the symbol of goodness.

(To be continued next Friday)

EVENTS IN ISLAMIC HISTORY 10 AH

— The year began on Tuesday, April 9, 631.

— The year is termed as *Vida* because of Farewell Haj by Holy Prophet (S.A.W).

— The tribes of Abdul Madan, Banu Hanihah, Kinah, and Shamun, Banu Uzza, Hamdam, Banu Ghassan, Banu Mahabrah, Banu Abbas, Banu Marjah etc., sent their deputations to Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) and accepted Islam.

— In Ziqnad, Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) set out to Makkah with his companions to perform Haj. Wave after wave of Muslims flocked to Makkah to perform Haj with their beloved Prophet (S.A.W.).

— Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) performed Haj with more than 100,000 companions and delivered the historic sermon "Khatubat al-Vida." He advised them to continue conveying the message of Allah to everyone in the four corners of the world. He took a witness of the audience that he communicated the message of Allah to them and prayed that Allah be witness to it. Further he advised

them to follow the straight path of Holy Qur'an and Sunnah and the practices of guided followers.

— During the Hajjat al-Vida, Allah revealed the verse in Holy Qur'an: "This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." 4-5

— Zakah was ordained in Holy Qur'an. Holy Prophet appointed officers for proper collection and distribution of zakah.

— Nasī the pagan calendar was abolished. Islamic calendar based upon 12 lunar months was approved.

— Ibrahim, minor son of Holy Prophet (S.A.W.), expired. A solar eclipse occurred the same day. Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) delivered a sermon and offered Salat of Eclipse.

— Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) sent Ali ibn Abi Talib to Yemen with a letter inviting Yemenis to Islam and a great number of them accepted Islam.

— Abu Tariq Hijazi

To snap seven-game losing streak

Free tilts scale Cavaliers' way

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — Although World Free scored 23 points in the second half, it was the shot he didn't take in the final seconds that made Cleveland Cavaliers coach Tom Nissalke happy.

Free scored 27 points as the Cavaliers defeated the Indiana Pacers 100-98 Wednesday night, and for good measure he passed to Cliff Robinson for a 15-foot, game-winning basket at the buzzer. "We didn't have to go to World and get the shot with no time left on the clock. Then we'd have overtime at worst," Nissalke said. "Cliff made a great play coming to get the ball because that play didn't quite work as planned, since they defended it well."

The victory was only the fourth in 26 games for the Cavaliers and broke their seven-game losing streak. "The guys really went out of their way to get me the ball. Once I hit a shot and got my rhythm, then I can be unstoppable," said Free, who was playing only his third National Basketball Association game with the Cavaliers.

In other NBA games Wednesday night, Boston outscored Chicago 140-131, Kansas City bombed Denver 146-102 and Los Angeles routed Utah 124-100.

Indiana led 95-85 with 6:40 remaining. Then Robinson and Steve Hayes scored for

the Cavaliers before Free alone outscored Indiana 9-2 for a 98-97 Cleveland lead with 29 seconds remaining.

"We were trying to protect a lead rather than play the same type of game that got us the lead. We kind of sat back and weren't



Larry Bird...leads Celtics ahead

aggressive on defense," Pacers guard Jerry Sichting said. Indiana was held to three points, all on Free throws, in the last six minutes.

The Pacers, who have lost five games in a row and are 9-17 overall, hit 16 of 30 foul shots.

Indiana center Herb Williams connected on one of two free throws to tie the game 98-98 with eight seconds to go, setting up Free's final pass to Robinson, who finished with 23 points for the Cavaliers. Indiana was led by Butch Carter with 23 points and George Johnson with 17.

Celtics 140, Bulls 131: Larry Bird scored 18 of his 26 points in the first quarter as Boston raced to a 20-point lead in the third quarter en route to victory over Cleveland.

The Celtics, who lost three of six games during an eight-game stretch, led 100-80 with four minutes left in the third period. But the Bulls, with Reggie Theus scoring 21 of his career-high 46 points in the final quarter, got as close as six points before the rally fizzled.

Danny Ainge hit nine of 13 shots and scored 21 points for the Celtics, while Orlando Woolridge added 24 for Chicago.

Kings 146, Nuggets 102: Guard Kevin Loder scored a career-high 25 points to join six other Kansas City players in double figures in the easy triumph over Denver.

The Kings registered their highest point total since the club moved the franchise from Cincinnati to Kansas City 11 years ago. They outscored the Nuggets 16-3 in the first 3½ minutes of the game and then had a 22-5 spurt to close out the first quarter after Denver cut the deficit to 22-18.

Kiki Vandeweghe paced the Nuggets with 28 points, while Eddie Johnson added 22 for Kansas City. Rookie Lasalle Thompson had 16 points on 8-of-10 shooting for the Kings.

Lakers 124, Jazz 100: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 21 points for Los Angeles and became the sixth NBA player to collect 14,000 rebounds in his career.

Abdul-Jabbar and Earvin "Magic" Johnson both had 16 points at halftime as the Lakers led Utah 60-43. The Jazz, playing without injured forward Adrian Dantley, the NBA's leading scorer, never seriously threatened in the second half.

Bob McAdoo was the Lakers' top scorer with 22 points, while Jeff Wilkins led Utah with 20.

McKenna stars in Sabres win

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — Sean McKenna scored two goals to lead the Buffalo Sabres to a 3-1 victory over the New York Rangers Wednesday night in a National Hockey League game.

In other matches, Ron Flockhart scored two goals to lift the Philadelphia Flyers to a 3-1 victory over the New Jersey Devils.

Dennis Savard unleashed a wrist shot early in the third period and Al Secord, Doug Crossman and Darryl Sittler connected on power-play goals to lift the Chicago Black Hawks to a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Glenn Anderson scored three goals and linemates Mark Messier and Marc Habscheid added one each to spark the Edmonton Oilers to an 8-2 victory over the Minnesota North Stars.

Gomez honored

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23 (AP) — The World Boxing Council on Tuesday named Wilfredo Gomez of Puerto Rico boxer of the month of December for his successful super-bantamweight title defense against Mexico's Guadalupe Pinter.

The WBC gave honorary mention to Thomas Hearns for winning the super-welterweight title from Wilfredo Benitez of Puerto Rico.

The council also warned that boxers must submit updated medical examinations within 60 days or be dropped from the ratings.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that Olympic champion Howard Davis will face undefeated fellow American Tony Baltazar in a lightweight bout Feb. 12. The fight will be held in either Las Vegas or Atlantic City.

Sugar Ray's trainer favors thumbless gloves for safety

PARADISE VALLEY, Arizona Dec. 23 (AP) — After seeing world welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard forced to retire due to an eye injury, trainer Janks Morton says he is campaigning strongly for thumbless boxing gloves which would provide more safety — no matter what others may think.

"I see some fighters say they don't want thumbless gloves because they'll break a thumb," said Morton. "I'd rather see a kid break a thumb any day than lose an eye. I came close to stopping the (Nov. 10) nationally televised fight with Victor Abraham and Milton McCrory," added Morton. "Milton got thumbed in the eye and I was up in the ring apron getting ready to stop that because I hate to see injuries."

Morton, now residing in this fashionable Phoenix suburb, was Leonard's trainer before the champ recently decided to hang up his gloves after earning an estimated \$40 million in the sport.

Leonard underwent emergency surgery in May for a detached retina which reportedly occurred in a training mishap. "He could have kept on fighting. He could have put it (the operation) off and continued to fight," said Morton, who trained Leonard for the past five years. "But I said, 'No, that's it. You can have all the money in the world, Ray, but you can't buy no eye.'"

According to Morton, eliminating the thumb and adding more padding would be the best safety features for boxing gloves. "After fighters have been in the ring four or five rounds, they've been pounded pretty bad and the gloves get a little thinner. I mean, the blaws get a little closer to the knuckles," Morton said. "The impact is more from the hands of the fighter, than the gloves. The gloves should be padded a bit thicker."

Morton agreed with the World Boxing Council's decision to limit title bouts to 12 rounds, but scoffed at the new Nevada rules requiring a brain scan and allowing an eight count and 1 ½-minute rest period at the referee's discretion.

"The 12-round thing seems to upset a lot of fighters. I would like to see it cut back some more," Morton said. "We could have great champions with 12 rounds and eliminate some serious injuries."

Morton also took a verbal swipe at people, who favor the abolition of boxing because of recent lopsided bouts and a death in the ring.

BBB may reduce rounds

Meanwhile, the British Boxing Board of Control may reduce the number of rounds for its championships from 15 to 12 following the

example of the World Boxing Council (WBC), the European Boxing Union (EBU). The EBU made the change following the death of Italy's Angelo Jacupucci in 1978 and the WBC acted after the recent death of Korean boxer Duk Koo Kim in the World Boxing Council lightweight championship bout against Ray Mancini of the United States.

The British Boxing Boards is to discuss the question at their next meeting in early January. It will be at least the sixth time in ten years that the change has been discussed and the not all the board members are convinced even now.

Chairman Alexander Elliott considers that the WBC and the EBU acted out of panic. He also feels that most boxer, who go 15 rounds are against the move and he revealed that an analysis of 200 15-round British championships had shown that the three final rounds had not represented any particular danger.

Ninety percent of them had gone the distance and less than three percent had finished between the 12th and 15th rounds. In any event whatever decision is taken by the Board during its meeting next month it will still have to be confirmed at the next annual meeting in May.

In Cleveland, former heavyweight boxing challenger Earnie Shavers was placed on probation for two years after pleading guilty to filing false claims on his 1977 U.S. income-tax return.

Shavers walked into the courtroom of U.S. district Judge Alvin Aldrich facing two counts of income-tax violations, each carrying a maximum penalty of \$5,000, three years in prison or both.

The two-count indictment charged Shavers with falsifying his 1977 and 1978 federal income-tax returns by reporting payments to a Keough Retirement Fund and deductions related to his business as a professional boxer.

Shavers, 38, pleaded guilty to the count stemming from his 1977 income-tax report and the government dropped the count stemming from the 1978 report.

The government said the 1977 return claimed that Shavers paid \$7,500 to a Keough Retirement plan when, in fact, he paid nothing, and that he also claimed \$7,860 in business deductions that were unjustified.

Shavers is best known for his World Boxing Council title challenges. He lost a 15-round decision to Muhammad Ali on Sept. 29, 1977, and was stopped in the 11th round of a title bout with Larry Holmes on Sept. 28, 1979.



HEADLESS WONDER: Look at American footballer '91'. He's lost his head over the game! Horrifying? Not a bit. He's merely a player with well padded shoulders looking down at the ground at a highschool playing field in Miami, Florida. But for people who don't know, the strange spectacle does look shockingly like a headless wonder.

In European Junior Chess

Dane maintains slender lead

GRONINGEN, Netherland, Dec. 23 (AP) — Danish title defender Curt Hansen won his third game in as many rounds to maintain a small lead over his nearest rivals in the standings of the European Junior Chess Championship Wednesday night.

Hansen was pitted with white against Switzerland's Michael Hofmann, who followed an uneventful line of the Pirc Defense. The Dane played a fine positional game and clinched victory on his 27th, when he captured the black queen.

Following Hansen at half a point are three players, including Holland's Manuel Bosboom, who upset Alon Greenfield with black in a spectacularly played flank game over 28 moves.

The two others in second place are Igor Stohl of Czechoslovakia and Jaan Ehvest of the Soviet Union. Stohl overcame Belgium's Pierre Moulin with black in 40 moves from a Sicilian defense and Ehvest gave short thrift to Gilles Miralles of France, who went down

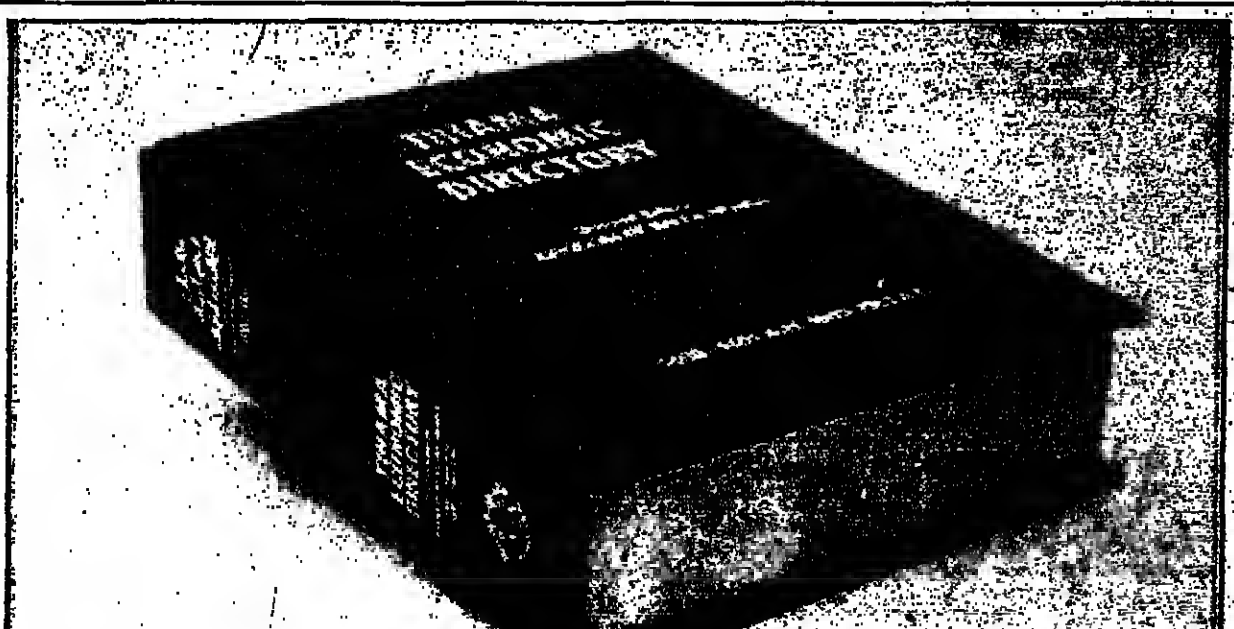
in 30 moves with white from an irregular opening.

Meanwhile, Britain's William Hartston scored his first victory in the International Grandmasters Chess Tournament in New Delhi when he beat Indian Ashok Alexander in the sixth round. Hartston chose the Grünfeld defense and forced his opponent to resign after 22 moves.

In another sixth-round game, Soviet grandmasters Joseph Dorfman and Victor Kupreichik settled for a draw exchanging queens. The game lasted only 18 moves.

Kupreichik, Dorfman, Indian R. Ravisekhar and Dityendn Barua, also of India, currently are in the lead with four points each. The teenage Barua suffered his first defeat Wednesday when he was humbled by Ravisekhar.

The championship, sponsored by the Bhilwara Textile Mill of India, is being held in New Delhi's Soviet House of Science, Culture and Art.



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PARIS, Dec. 23 (AFP) — With Björn Borg temporarily turning his back on the stage which had made him a living legend, 1982 was scripted to be John McEnroe's year. The moody New Yorker, however, missed his lines.

McEnroe could find some solace by leading the United States to their 28th Davis Cup victory in France last month, but his season was eclipsed by the marvellous exploits of scholar compatriot Jimmy Connors and Swedish newcomer Mats Wilander.

Connors, written-off as a potential world-beater at the start of the season, captured both the Wimbledon and United States titles. Wilander, a relatively unknown 17-year-old, became the youngest-ever winner of the French Open at Roland Garros.

Borg, dethroned by McEnroe at the 1981 Wimbledon Championships and then thwarted again by the American in the United States Open final, set himself on a collision course with officialdom when he decided to reduce his match-playing program.



Mats Wilander...the rising star

It was a decision which meant that under Grand Prix rules Borg would have to play in the qualifying rounds if he wanted to compete in major tournaments. The Swede was still considering this when he made his only Grand Prix tournament appearance of the year at Monte Carlo in April.

The decision was largely made for him by his form. Borg, who had not played competitively since the previous October, was a faded, tired shadow of a once all-conquering player. It was quickly clear that he had lost his appetite and motivation for the game, and although he managed to stumble unconvincingly into the quarterfinals, once there he was ruthlessly humiliated.

He crashed to a straight-sets 1-6, 2-6 defeat against the talented French No. 1, Yannick Noah, the most severe defeat Borg had ever sustained on a clay surface. Within hours the Swedish player confirmed he would not be playing any more tournament tennis until further notice and he settled back to enjoy the extended break from tennis for which he had been craving.

With Borg removed from the scene, the



Björn Borg...the talker hero

Connors corners the '82 limelight

While Wilander shines

McEnroe, Borg fade

main threat to McEnroe's reign was expected to come from Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl. But the sad-faced east European, despite a promising start to the season when he scored a five-set victory over flamboyant American Vitas Gerulaitis in the Masters final at Madison Square Garden, again failed to fulfill his potential. The elusive first Grand Slam tournament victory did not come in 1982.

Benefiting from the absences of six-times champion Borg and McEnroe (recovering from an ankle injury), Lendl started a hot favorite to win the French Open at Roland Garros in May. But those who expected an end to the recent Scandinavian monopoly of success in the world's top play-court tournament were in for a rude surprise.

Flaxen-haired Mats Wilander, from the small Swedish town of Varjo, stunned the tennis world with a string of dramatic victories. The Scandinavian teenager, with a flashing double-fisted backhand and seemingly impenetrable concentration, quickly became labelled the "new Borg."

Once he had scored a thrilling five-set victory over Lendl to reach the quarterfinals, Wilander never looked back. He took on and convincingly beat two more of the world's top players — Vitas Gerulaitis and Jose Clert of Argentina — and then stormed back, after a shaky start, to defeat Clert's compatriot and former title-holder Guillermo Vilas 1-6, 7-6, 6-0, 6-4 in the final. It wasn't Wilander's only success in 1982.

In July he played one of the longest-ever Davis Cup matches when he forced McEnroe, in the final rubber, to fight out a five-set marathon which lasted six hours 39

minutes. The American finally clinched a 9-7, 6-2, 15-17, 3-6, 8-6 victory which qualified the United States for the semifinals of the competition.

And to show any doubters that his Roland Garros victories in Paris had not been a fluke, Wilander repeated them at the October Barcelona Grand Prix tournament. Lendl and Clert were again Wilander victims as he stormed into the final and there he again beat Vilas — this time in straight-sets 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Connors, although grunting as loudly and strutting as proudly as ever, had not been expected to feature prominently in the hunt for the major prizes in tennis. Approaching his 30th birthday and still showing the scars of the ruthless maulings he had received from Borg over recent seasons, Connors had achieved his only Wimbledon success back in 1974.

But the indomitable Illinois player proved the pundits wrong. Looking as sharp and as aggressive as he had done in the mid-seventies, Connors, seeded two acrobatically battled his way into the Wimbledon final taking the scalps of three top Australians — John Alexander, Paul McNamee and Mark Edmondson — in the process.

McEnroe, who was on his best behavior throughout the fortnight to make up for his controversial outbursts during the 1981 championships, remained nonetheless a firm favorite to retain his title. The final, which lasted four-and-a-quarter hours, was the longest-ever at Wimbledon. And as a spectacle it lived up to all expectations.

Fortunes saw-sawed. Twice Connors trailed the titleholder and twice he fought



John McEnroe...proudly holds the Davis Cup



Jimmy Connors...displays the Wimbledon trophy

back superbly to level. Eventually, and with the crowd on the edge of their seats, Connors clinched a 3-6, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 win. It was an emotional moment for both men.

McEnroe looked absolutely desolate. He flopped into his chair and stared woodenly at the worn turf. Connors, eyes glistening, paid little heed to protocol. He pushed his way past officials, and in front of watching millions, he embraced his wife Patti before receiving the trophy.

At Flushing Meadow, Lendl prevented McEnroe from taking his revenge on Connors by defeating the defending champion in the semifinals. McEnroe, who had not impressed throughout the tournament and who had courted disaster in a five-setter against ardent compatriot Gene Mayer in the quarterfinal, crashed to a straight-sets defeat against the east European player.

Lendl had gone into his match against McEnroe like an express train. In majestic style peppered the court with uncanny accuracy. McEnroe, who rarely does well against the east European player, found himself under pressure from the start and

Crashed 4-6, 4-6, 6-7.

Connors, whose only non-American opponents on the way to play Guillermo Vilas of Argentina in the semi-final had been his old friend Ilie Nastase of Romania, certainly didn't look like a player who had celebrated his 30th birthday during the tournament.

Brash, confident and aggressive, Connors, blasted his opponents off court and swept into the confrontation with Lendl after defeating Vilas 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Lendl, so relaxed and confident against McEnroe, was unrecognisable in the final itself. Unsettled and nervous, he dropped both of the opening sets before a lapse of concentration by Connors enabled him to make a fight of it.

There was a measure of compensation for McEnroe in the French alpine capital of Grenoble last month when he spearheaded the United States' record 28th Davis Cup victory. The Americans beat hosts France 4-1 on the specially-built indoor clay court at the Grenoble Sports Stadium. It was their fourth competition success in the five years.

Soccer tid-bits

South Korea, China make the grade

BANGKOK, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Last-minute replacement South Korea Wednesday won the Asian Youth Football Championship to qualify, with China who finished second, for the World Championships in Mexico next year.

South Korea replaced North Korea, who had a two-year ban imposed on them by the Asian Football Confederation following the beating up of a referee during the New Delhi Asian games.

In the final matches of the four-team, round-robin tournament, the Koreans beat Iraq 2-1 and China drew 1-1 with the United Arab Emirates.

The results gave the Koreans five points from two wins and one draw and China four points from one victory and two draws. Iraq were third with two points, and United Arab Emirates fourth with one.

The Koreans shot ahead early scoring in the 12th and 14th minutes, through Lee Kee-kuen and Sin Yon-bo. Iraq Korean defense kept them out for the rest of the match.

The China-United Arab Emirates encounter provided no real thrills but midfielder Salim Obeld injected some life into an otherwise dull first half scoring with a penalty kick in the 35th minute. The Chinese equalized just two minutes from full time with a penalty from Mai Chao.

In earlier matches South Korea beat the United Arab Emirates 4-0 and drew 1-1 with China.

Menotti's first step

Former Argentine soccer manager Cesar Luis Menotti held talks in Madrid Wednesday night with officials of Barcelona with a view to taking over a manager from West German Udo Lattek, club sources said. Menotti, on a 24-hour visit to the Spanish capital, met Barcelona president Jose Luis Nunez, they said.

The Argentine told Spanish reporters that he would be prepared to take the job but did not want to unseat Lattek, who has a contract until the end of the season. The talks on the future management of Barcelona coincide with a crisis in the club as the eight-million-dollar Argentine star Diego Maradona is ill. Barcelona have lost their last two games without the Argentine striker and have slipped from second to fourth place in the First Division table.

Banks bank in action

Former England goalkeeper Gordon Banks has been "signed" by Luton who have the worst defensive record in the First Division. He has been recruited to give weekly sessions of specialist coaching to Luton's three goalkeepers.

Another former England player, striker Mike Channon this afternoon joined Norwich. The 34-year-old Bristol Rovers player has initially signed for month and will make his debut in the local Derby match at Ipswich on Monday.

Professional foul

Football league referees will continue to send off players guilty of the "professional foul." Though FIFA president Joao

Havelange is known to be alarmed at the number of English players who have received marching orders this season there will be no change on the domestic front.

The four secretaries of the home associations — Ted Croker (FA), Ernie Walker (Scotland), Billy Brennan (N. Ireland), and Alan Evans (Wales) — met FIFA secretary Sepp Blatter Wednesday but Croker said afterwards, "The professional foul was not on the agenda and was not discussed at all."

"I did discuss the wording of the four-step rule for goalkeepers and the different interpretations. But all decisions must be made confidential until passed at the international board meeting which is to be held in Southampton in June."

Reports denied

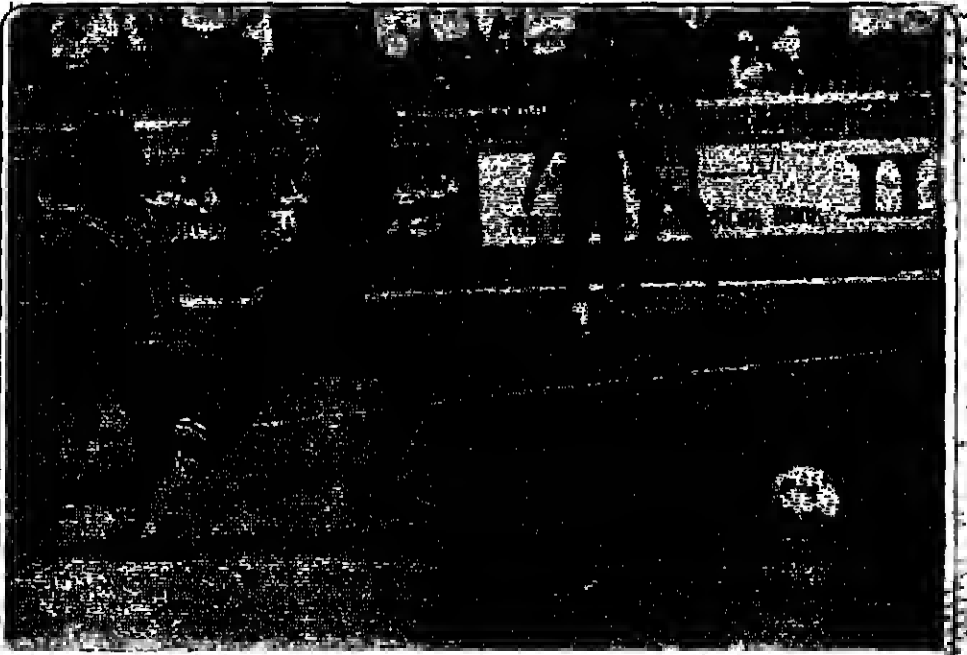
Bradford City denied reports that Terry Yorath had joined them as player-coach from "Vancouver Whitecaps." An official of the Third Division club said, however, it was

"almost certain" that the deal would go through within a few days. The hold-up is over Yorath obtaining clearance from the Canadian club, with whom he is contracted until next September.

Wilkins keen

Former England captain, Ray Wilkins, is determined to win back his place in Manchester United's team before the New Year. Thursday he will play for United in a specially arranged friendly match at Bradford, his second match in six days. The United skipper, a midfield player, has been out of first team action since he fractured a cheekbone at Bournemouth in a Milk Cup tie two months ago.

Last Saturday, he returned in a reserve team game against Leeds United and scored once. Match practice is now Wilkins' major concern. United have a busy program of four matches in eight days and Wilkins could be back sooner than he expected.



CHARGE FOR THE BALL: Ittihad's Othman Marzook makes a dash for the stray ball with Ittihad's Saleh Khalifa close on heels during the Saudi Arabian Premier Soccer League match Thursday which ended goalless. Looking on are Ittihad's Hamed Subhi and Suredhi (far right).

Meets Cash in quarterfinals

Frawley ends Smith's run

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 23 (AP) — Defending champion Rod Frawley blasted his way into a quarterfinal showdown with the world's top junior Pat Cash after the second round of the South Australian (men's) Open at Memorial Drive here Thursday.

But despite Frawley's devastating performance it was a day of mixed fortunes for Australia as fellow countrymen Craig Miller and John Fitzgerald were bundled out of the \$75,000 tournament.

Frawley demolished Great Britain's Jonathon Smith 6-4, 6-3 but Miller went down 6-3, 6-3 to hard serving American Mike Bauer and Fitzgerald was beaten 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 by South African Bernie Mitton.

Smith, who will probably play Davis Cup for England against Australia next year, likened Frawley's power serving to the English cricketers facing Australian spinner Bruce Yardley. He said just as the English batsmen were having trouble playing Yardley's bowling he had as much trouble trying to return Frawley's serves.

South Australian Fitzgerald has shot up the rankings in recent weeks, moving more than 70 places on the computer since the Australian summer season began. But he proved no match for Mitton Thursday in a tough center court struggle.

For the South African it was an incredible comeback in a tournament which has a record of drawing good performances from him. In 1980 Mitton was runner-up in South Australia to Kim Warmick but he dropped in the world rankings after taking a four month break from tennis last year.

He dropped more than 120 places on the computer which doomed him to qualifying

rounds for all Grand Prix events. He put his good form in Adelaide to simply "Working harder than I have for the last three years."

Mitton had five match points before he was able to wrap up the game and he admitted his nerves almost let Fitzgerald back. "I couldn't get a first serve in and I knew what he would do to the second so I was just scared to hit the second serve," he said. Mitton's comments were supported by the fact that he served two double faults on two of his match points.

In the other singles, Bauer proved too strong for Miller and now plays Mitton in the quarterfinals Friday while Pat Cash, the tournament's fourth seed will play Frawley.

Aussie squad

Meanwhile, Pat Cash and John Alexander have both been named in a five-man Aussie squad to play Great Britain in the Davis Cup here next March.

The squad was announced Thursday by Davis Cup coach Neale Fraser. Other selections were Mark Edmondson, Paul McNamee and John Fitzgerald.

The squad will be reduced to a four-man team early in January at the end of the Victorian Open. McNamee is not down to play in Melbourne although there is some doubt about the fitness of Edmondson, who is suffering with a back injury.

Fraser said it was too early to make any announcements about who would be playing singles and doubles. He admitted however that Alexander, Fitzgerald, Edmondson and McNamee would all have to be considered for a berth in the doubles.

He said it would all depend on their performances this year and how they train over the next few months.

Wickets tumble like nine pins in Karachi

KARACHI, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Pakistan bowled India out for 169 on the first day of the second Test match here Thursday, but then struggled themselves and finished the day on 57 for three.

The grassy pitch clearly favored the seam bowlers and of the 13 wickets to fall, no fewer than eight went to the pacemen.

Over the years, the pitch at Karachi's National Stadium has been the stage for some tedious, high-scoring draws but things have changed since the pitch was recently re-laid. Australia lost here earlier this year and this match, the second in the six-Test series, seemed certain to produce a result after the first day's events.

Pakistan captain Imran Khan won the toss and put India into bat, an inspired gamble, which seemed to have paid dividends as India's first two wickets went down with just ten runs on the board. Imran himself dealt the first blow to the tourists' hopes when he ran out Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar.

Gavaskar tried to snatch a quick single off Imran, but his opening partner Arun Lal spotted the danger and decided to stay put. As the Indian captain doubled back, Imran hurled the ball at the stumps to achieve a significant breakthrough.

Dilip Vengsarkar joined Arun Lal, but Imran's fiery pace proved too much for him and he could only stand and "watch" as Mohsin Khan took a brilliant catch at second slip, to send him back to the pavilion without adding to the score.

Gundappa Viswanath was next in and survived a similar fate when he was dropped by Mohsin Khan, again off Imran, with his score on three.

Clearly encouraged by this escape, Viswanath played some steady stroke to edge the score along to 48, before leg-spinner Abdul Qadir was introduced and promptly had Viswanath caught behind by Wasim Bari of a googly for 24.

India slumped to 55 for four when Imran had Mohinder Amarnath lbw for five, and Sandeep Patil helped the score along to 70 before being caught by Javed Miandad, again off Abdul Qadir, for four.

Indian vice-captain Kapil Dev tried to hit his way out of trouble, and his cavalier innings of 73 included a six off Qadir, on whom he was particularly severe.

With the score approaching respectability, Kapil Dev mistimed a ball from Sarfaraz Nawaz and was caught and bowled. The wickets continued to tumble, and Imran rounded the innings off with the score on 169 when he uprooted the stumps of Dilip Doshi who had yet to score.

The Pakistan innings got off to a bad start without a ball being bowled, when opener Mudassar Nazar was ruled out with injury. And then with only six runs on the boards Madan Lal had Mansoor Akhtar caught behind for nought, and nine runs later struck again when Salim Malik nicked an out-

swinger safely into the gloves of wicket-keeper Syed Kirmani, having added only three.

Mohsin Khan went shortly afterwards for 12, mistiming another Madan Lal outswinger, and was caught by Mohinder Amarnath, with the Pakistan total on 18 for three.

But the arrival of Pakistan's two leading batsmen, Javed Miandad and Zaheer Abbas, finally brought some stability to the innings. With a succession of steady strokes, Zaheer led the way, and by the close had hit six fours in his 34, with Javed content for once to play a secondary role, and had made eight at the close as Pakistan rallied to 57 for three.

Green signal for Randall

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 23 (AP) — There was both good and bad news here Thursday on Star English batsman Derek Randall.

The good news is for the Englishmen — Randall will definitely play in the Centennial Ashes Test commencing at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Sunday. The bad news, of course, is for the Australian attack, which will once again have to contend with Randall.

More than 24 hours of anxiety about Randall's condition ended early Thursday night when it was officially announced his jaw is definitely not fractured.

Randall was kayoed by a sharp rising delivery from Tasmania's West Indian pace bowler, Michael Holding, in the One-day game in Launceston Wednesday. Early reports were that his jaw was fractured in addition to other damage in the nasal region.

Randall was far from the best-looking cricketer on the Australian circuit when he flew back to Melbourne Thursday with the English party. At the time there were still fears that his jaw was fractured. A hairline fracture was considered a certainty.

But, tonight the team physiotherapist, Bernard Thomas, dispelled all doubts on the

Score-board	
India (1st innings):	
Sunil Gavaskar run out	8
Arun Lal lbw Sandeep	35
Dilip Vengsarkar c Mohsin Khan b Imran	0
G. Viswanath c Wasim Bari b Abdul Qadir	24
Mohinder Amarnath lbw Imran Khan	5
Sandeep Patil c Javed Miandad b Abdul Qadir	4
Kapil Dev c not b Sarfaraz Nawaz	73
Syed Kirmani c Mohsin Khan b Abdul Qadir	11
Madan Lal not out	13
Mansoor Akhtar lbw Abdul Qadir	0
Dilip Doshi b Imran Khan	6
Extras	6
Total	169
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-10, 3-48, 4-55, 5-70, 6-130, 7-165, 8-168, 9-168.	
Bowling: Imran Khan 12.2-6-19-3; Jaleeluddin 10-2-28-4; Sarfaraz Nawaz 16-2-49-2; Abdul Qadir 15-3-67-4.	
Pakistan (1st innings):	
Mohsin Khan c Mohinder Amarnath b Madan Lal	12
Mansoor Akhtar c Syed Kirmani b Madan Lal	0
Salim Malik c Syed Kirmani b Madan Lal	3
Javed Miandad batting	3
Zaheer Abbas batting	34
Extras	4
Total (for 3 wickets)	57
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-15, 3-18.	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 6-2-13-0; Madan Lal 7-1-32-3; Mansoor Akhtar 2-1-5-0.	

matter. "There is no fracture of the jaw," he announced. "But, there is a slight crack in the bone at the bottom of the nose." "There is no question of the jaw being broken," was his reassuring comment.

Thomas, who treated Randall shortly after he was taken from the field at Launceston, said the England batsman had stitches in front of the upper lip and added there was "a fair amount of swelling in that area."

Randall will not be seeking any specialist attention in Melbourne before the Test, although it was considered earlier that he would consult a surgeon on Friday.

The virtual "all clear" given Randall late Thursday lifted a big load from the England selectors and the team generally.

England needs to win the Melbourne Test to keep the Ashes series alive. This means they have to throw everything into the Melbourne game where the Australians take the field hosted by two successive victories.

With the earlier serious diagnosis of Randall's injury reduced considerably, the England selectors now have a full list of players from which to name the Test side either late Friday or Saturday.

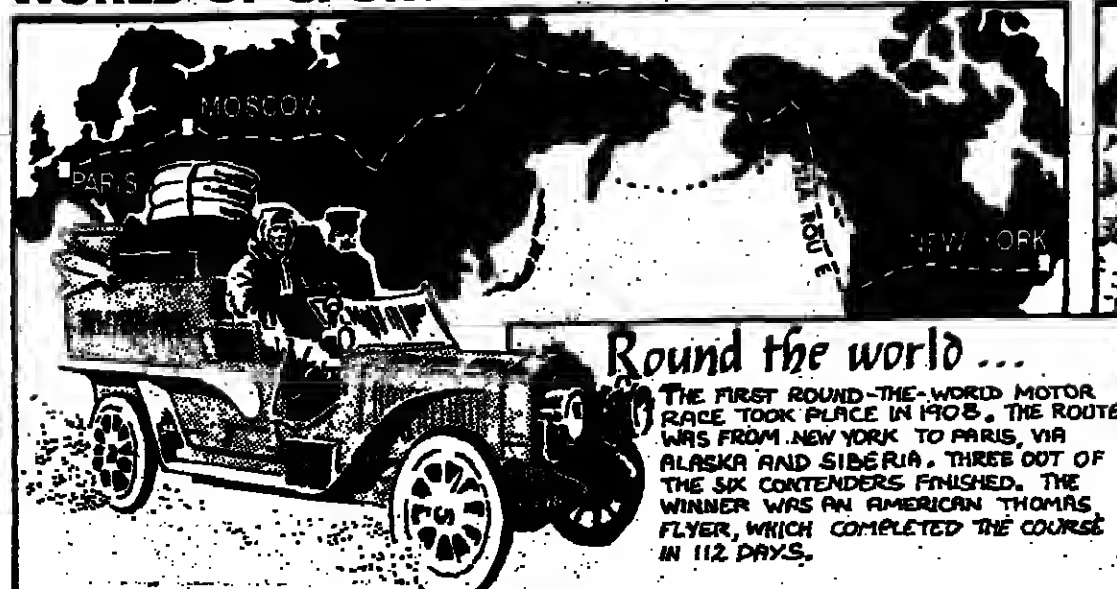
BRIEFS

18 competition in the Elisse Orange Bowl Tournament at Flamingo Park. Corrae's defeat prevents an all-French final Monday against top-seeded Guy Forget.

ROME, (AFP) — The European lightweight title fight between French holder Robert Gambini and Italy's Patrizio Oliva may not go ahead as scheduled on Jan. 5 on the island of Ischia off the coast of Naples, it was learnt here Thursday. Italian promoter Rodolfo Sabatini has run into difficulties over television of the bout.

BASTIA, Corsica, (AFP) — Corsican club Bastia, which plays in the French First Division, has succeeded in wiping out debts of well over a million dollars since the beginning of the season. The money has come from a number of sources including the local council, sponsors and the sale of season tickets.

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By Pratap Sharma

Being a detective dog is not easy. You have to be as good as a police dog and yet you have to be discreet. Also, you don't live in a kennel but in the house of your master with his family so you have always to be gentle, especially with the baby, and not even bark at a cat when the baby is asleep.

But before I tell you of the crimes I solved and the criminals I sent to jail, let me tell you how I became a working dog.

I didn't realize it at the time but my training began the moment I met my master. He came to the Brindia Kennels run by Mr. and Mrs. Tamhane in Bombay in order to buy an Alsatian pup, or more correctly a German Shepherd pup. So my sister and I were carried into the drawing room and introduced. We were about six weeks old and were the only two left out of a litter of four. Two of my brothers had gone to their new homes the day before. Mrs. Tamhane said that she had especially kept me back because I was her favorite. I don't know whether she really meant it or was saying it just to please Woof.

Woof is not his real name, of course, but that is what I called my master when I first saw him, and even now when I want to draw his attention I call out softly, "Woof!"

We were set down on the rug and my sister, Daisy, just flopped in a heap.

Woof muttered, "Her legs are weak." I felt he wasn't very polite. After all, I was doing my best. So I barked a few things back at him.

Barking vigorously at that age can be quite an effort. It made me recoil backwards and, without wanting to, I rolled over.

Woof started laughing, of course, but I was up in a second. Then he said a very lovely thing.

"Mrs. Tamhane," he said, "please bring a bowl of milk and bread. I'd like to see them eat. I suppose, of course, that they've been properly weaned and can now do without their mother's milk."

When the bowl was brought and we had taken a quick little gobble of the soggy bread, he pulled the bowl away and placed it behind us. Daisy was bewildered and just flopped down again. I thought Woof was being cruel and I decided I wasn't going to let him succeed in hiding the food. So I sniffed and sniffed and, yes, from over there behind me came the delicious aroma of milk and bread. I turned and went to the bowl.

Woof said, "He'll be a good tracker. I'll take him."

That was the first time I had heard the word *tracker* and it seemed an odd thing to say.

"Are you with the police then?" Mrs. Tamhane asked.

Woof shook his head, smiled and, without another word, wrote out a check and handed it to her, saying, "It's a... childhood dream of mine. I've always dreamed of a highly capable dog in the house, a sort of fantastic animal companion to the family."

"Oh," said Mrs. Tamhane as she picked up the bowl which I had by now licked clean. Then she sighed and said, "good luck!"

I thought I'd find out more about this Woof. So I wobbled carefully toward him and took a good sniff at his shoes and trousers.

ers. The scent of his body was pleasing and I think my tail must have wagged.

Woof was delighted. He picked me off the floor and petted me and said, "I'm glad you're friendly. What a glossy black coat you have and what beautiful markings! You'll be quite a handsome dog."

"Ob yes," Mrs. Tamhane agreed, "he's bound to win a few prizes. After all, he comes from a family of show dogs. Both his parents are champions. The Sydenberg line is good looking and intelligent."

"I'm not really interested in showing dogs," Woof said. "Fact is, I've never been to a dog show in my life. And I don't really care about pedigree. I want to train him to



be a working dog, so that he can be of some help to people."

Mrs. Tamhane looked quizzically at Woof, and Woof just shrugged and laughed. In the car I began to froth and foam and was sick.

Woof really knew very little about dogs then, because he thought I had some horrible disease. He wanted to rush me back to the Tamhanes or even have me put to sleep at once! But by now we had collected his wife, Wuff from the bazaar where she had been shopping and she turned out to be far more sensible about such things. After all, she is a mother.

She said to Woof, "I think the poor dog has just had too much milk and bread. And this is the first time he's been in a car. It must be terrifying for him."

Thank heavens she was there!

As a puppy, I had more lessons in patience than I can describe. The baby pulled my tail, patted me so that I tottered and fell, pinched my nose, examined my teeth, poked my ribs, tugged at my ears and hugged me so that I wanted to howl aloud.

Fortunately for my sake, Woof and Wuff never left me alone with the baby. She would have killed me with love.

I've now come to the conclusion that human beings also need to be trained so that they learn to live with other animals.

A city dog has to adjust from the moment he is born. And to be born in the heart of Bombay is very different from being born

in, say, some quiet little village in the cool of the Himalayas.

Bombay has a warm, sticky climate and the only time a puppy feels like frisking about is early in the morning or late in the evening when the sun is low on the horizon. The rest of the time any sensible pup would just want to sleep. But imagine the noise that millions of people on the streets can make, with their buying and selling, their talking and singing, their shouting and laughing. Then add to that the sounds of cars and buses, trains and horses, policemen's whistles, bicycle bells. At first I was constantly alarmed and wondered how human beings could put up with it. I saw that, night or afternoon, some people just slept through it all!

It was Tughlak, the old black Laborator living with the Pandits nearby, who first explained it to me.

He said, "Son, take it easy, relax. You're far too jumpy and alert. All of you can't be on duty all the time. You've got to let half of you rest sometime."

"I don't understand, sir," I whined and sniffed his nose once just to make sure he wasn't ill or slightly crackers or anything.

"Look at you," he growled as he lay under his master's chair. "Here you are at a party with your humans. Everyone's enjoying himself and yet you keep looking over your shoulder as though you'd lost your tail. You're as frightened and fidgety as a cat!"

"Now, let me tell you what the trouble is with you. You don't realize that we dogs hear nine or ten times better than human beings."

"Really?" I said.

"Of course. Humans don't have their senses as well-developed as we dogs. Right now, for instance, all they can hear are the noises of this party and only the deeper sounds at that. They can't even hear that car five hundred yards away and they didn't hear that plane going by overhead. They have a word of that kind of plane, boy. They call it *supersonic*. But..." he gave a short laugh and let it go at that while the corner of his mouth twitched in a sneer.

Just then I pricked up my ears.

"Easy, boy, easy," Tughlak growled. "That whistle you heard came from the street. It's not your master calling. You see, you've got to learn to distinguish. And that way you'll be able to relax."

Thank you, sir," I said.

Tughlak began to play a bit of part in my life. We kept bumping into him everywhere. His master, Gokul Pandit, would bring him to the racetrack in the evening. The racetrack is the only open expanse of ground in that part of Bombay where a dog can freely exercise himself — that is, when the horse races are not on.

Even at the racetrack, Tughlak never lost his sense of dignity. No running or scampering about like me. No, sir, he would lumber out and wait for his collar to be adjusted and the chain to be unknotted and then he would walk slowly but powerfully in the direction he wished. Gokul often tried to walk with us but Tughlak took him off the other way. That was Tughlak all over — totally independent.

Then we would bump into them coming round from the opposite direction. Tughlak would stop and Gokul would quickly think



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of some conversation to begin with Woof. Usually Woof would say, "Let him off, Gokul. Let him play with Ranjha."

And Gokul would say, "Oh, he's too old to play."

Just then Tughlak would wag his tail and lunge at me, unbalancing Gokul on his feet. Tughlak was like that, independent and a little perverse.

One day Gokul presented me with a very smart red leather collar and leash that had been made just for me. I was delighted. But Tughlak, who was off the chain, trotted me off to a corner and said, "Chew it up, boy, chew it up."

"Oh no," I said. "It's lovely. And Woof scolds me if I chew up things."

"Suit yourself, boy. I chew up anything I can. Got to show them who's boss. Can't bear a collar and leash of dried skin hanging from my neck. Eat it up. Best thing to do."

"It's a matter of taste," I said.

"You said it, boy, you said it!" Tughlak smirked his lips.

"I mean," I insisted, "I prefer to be on a leather leash. That way, in an emergency, I could get free whereas with a chain —"

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"Ah, of course," said Tughlak looking down and absently pawing at a tuft of grass. "You're being brought up as a police dog or something, aren't you?"

"Well, I'm being trained like a police dog but I've got to be a private detective."

"Never heard of such a thing."

"Let me put it this way. I'll work on a police case if they ask for me but I'll always stay with Woof. I'm Woof's dog, and Wuff's and the baby's. I'm a family dog first and a crime-solver after."

"Hm, hm," he muttered. Then he threw up a shower of sand with his hind legs and snorted. "These newfangled ideas!"

But a few days later he said exactly the opposite.

"Nothing new in these ideas, boy. Why, it's just a channelling of all the old things our forefathers did as wild dogs in the jungles. Tracking is like being on the scent of game. It's a part of hunting. Retrieving is like what we did for our young ones — bringing back food for them to eat. Arresting is like holding a wild beast at bay. And attacking — humph, why any dog can do that."

"Maybe," I said. "But the difference in

being trained is that you understand when to start and when to stop and when to be still."

Tughlak could never remember my name. In fact, he could hardly remember anything except his own name. He had once asked me to explain why I was called Ranjha. I had told him that I was named after the dashing young hero of a famous folk-opera of Punjab.

"Ah," said Tughlak. "So if you were living in Europe, you might be called Romeo."

"Perhaps," I agreed.

Tughlak had three standard ways of addressing any dog he met. Little bitches were called "kiddo", male pups "boy" and adult dogs "Old Toor". Tughlak was altogether very modern. He spoke only English.

I was being trained in Hindi, the national language of India. Tughlak found that odd. And I suppose it was odd. Somehow even in India, everyone always spoke to dogs in English. But Woof had his own ideas. He didn't want anyone to confuse me by being able to give me commands. So he decided to train me in Hindi.

Harassed by children

Cairo Zoo's animal population falling

By Hamza Hendawi

CAIRO (R) — The Cairo Zoo says it has a serious problem — humans, mostly children, are annoying the animals so much that many of them, especially birds, are refusing to breed. This, coupled with a shortage of foreign exchange for new purchases, has drastically reduced the zoo's population, according to its director, Saad Badrawi.

As Hassan the lion slumped dejectedly in his cage at one recent mealtime, about a dozen children accompanied by beaming adults jabbed sticks through the bars and hurled stones at him. They whooped with joy each time he snarled back in rage.

"What can I do?" asked Badrawi wringing his hands in despair. "It's like this every day. I can't call in police reinforcements or it would make the place look like a prison."

Tormenting Hassan is only one of the things that bored visitors resort to for amusement at the 33-hectare zoo. Despite a ban on bringing musical instruments inside the gates, drums, trumpets and other noisemakers are smuggled in every day, to the acute discomfort of the animals.

Badrawi said noise made by visitors, added to the sounds of nearby construction work, was seriously affecting the zoo's birthplace, especially among birds. "Only a few eggs were hatched in the gardens over the past few years," he told Reuters. "Our whole animal population is declining."

Harassment of the animals is a major problem. One keeper told how he saw a teenage boy throwing empty peanut shells at a chimpanzee. After repeatedly biting into the shells, the chimpanzee flew into a rage and attacked his younger cagemates.

Badrawi said the zoo's need of new recruits was being frustrated by government refusal to allocate foreign currency for purchasing new animals. However, he said some funds were raised by the sale of animals.

Veterinarians declined to give figures for the decline of the zoo's population but said it was serious. They also blamed the decline on the shortage of foreign currency needed to replace the animals' annual loss. "The gov-

ernment is certain to have higher priorities for its scarce foreign currency than financing animals' purchases for us," one zoo official said.

But, he added, the problem is being partially solved through an exchange of animals with other zoos, using the species that manage to multiply here. He said that despite the large number of visitors who come to the zoo every year — about 15 million according to official figures — the zoo's earnings from admission fares are only 250,000 Egyptian pounds (about \$300,000) annually. "We just do not make enough to be able to feed the

beasts, and that is why we receive government subsidies," he added.

Badrawi said there was no room in the zoo to build fortified enclosures where the animals would be safe from belligerent visitors. But despite the problems, Badrawi is trying to gain international stature for the zoo by obtaining a Chinese panda as a gift from the Chinese government.

"If the Foreign Ministry succeeds in its talks with Peking's officials and we finally get a panda, every one of the more than one million tourists who come to Egypt every year will pay us a visit," Badrawi said.



RARE PAIR: Jasper, a middle-aged orangutan ape at the Metro Zoo in Miami, Florida, is so fond of his keeper Kurt Mammen, that he embraces his keeper, putting his arm around his neck and making happy noises, whenever Kurt goes to see him. This unusual relationship between man and ape is a constant object of wonder both to the zoo staff and the visitors.

Secret of dye rediscovered

TOKYO (LOS) — A Japanese scholar has rediscovered the secret of the purple dye that denoted royalty and privilege in Rome, Greece, China, Japan and even the Inca empire. Blending commerce with scholarship, he now intends to go into partnership with a firm in South America and one in Kyoto to produce highly expensive purple kimonos.

Professor Tsuneo Yoshioka of Osaka University began his investigations 20 years ago in the Shoso-in, an ancient warehouse of Japanese imperial treasures in Nara, the seat of the emperor in the 8th century A.D.

Looking at fragments of imperial cloth and studying old documents, Yoshioka found that purple came to Japan from China, where it was all the rage in the 4th century B.C., replacing yellow as the color for state occasions. It was equally popular in the Roman Empire, whence the secret of its dye was brought to the Orient via the Silk Road.

"Purple" comes from the Latin word *purpura*, the name of a conch found in the ancient Mediterranean, which secreted a dark red liquid in a cyst at the entrance of its shell.

Archaeologist Sir Arthur Evans found many of these conch shells alongside Minoan pottery in Crete, dating the start of the royal obsession with purple to at least the 16th century B.C.

So important was purple to the economy of the area that it probably gave its name to Phoenicia — modern Lebanon — through the Greek word *phoinos*, meaning "blood red."

The purple dyeing technique was closely guarded by the Romans, with the result that when the Ottoman Turks sacked Byzantium in 1453, Europe and the Near East lost the trick altogether.

By this time, too, the stock of shellfish was severely depleted. The Orientals, however, quickly developed an imitation. The Japanese used a root extract, and Japanese curriers continued to be ranked according to the darkness of their purple clothes: the more times a garment was dipped in the dye, the more expensive it became.

But until Professor Yoshioka extended his researches to Latin America, it was thought the conch shell method had been lost forever.

In pop chart

'Maneater' keeps top spot

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — Daryl Hall and John Oates stayed on Wednesday for the second week in a row in the No. 1 spot among best-selling single pop records in the United States with their hit disc "Maneater."

Toni Basil's "Mickey" held on to second place in the *Cashbox* magazine chart for the second straight week. The Michael Jackson-Paul McCartney duet on "The Girl Is Mine" moved up one notch to third position. Last week's No. 3 disc, "Truly" by Lionel Richie, slipped to fourth.

Soaring fast on the chart was "Down Under" by Men at Work, the hot Australian group that dominated the charts weeks ago with "Who can it be now?" "Down Under" rose to 6th from tenth a week ago. The week's only newcomer to the ten top pop list was "The Look of Love (Part I)" by A-B-C, up from 12th to 9th.

As for the Country and Western singles, "The Bird" by Jerry Reed climbed to the top spot, and Kenny Rogers' "A Love Song" was second in the *Cashbox* magazine chart. "Marina Del Rey" by George Strait came in third.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) "Maneater" — Daryl Hall and John Oates.

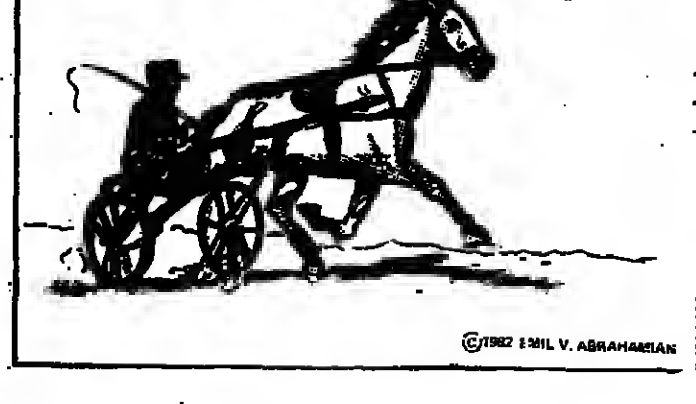
2. (2) "Mickey" — Toni Basil.
3. (4) "The Girl Is Mine" — Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney.
4. (3) "Truly" — Lionel Richie.
5. (6) "Dirty Laundry" — Don Henley.
6. (10) "Down Under" — Men at Work.
7. (8) "It's Raining Again" — Super. amp.
8. (9) "Sexual Healing" — Marvin Gaye.
9. (12) "The Look of Love (Part I)" — A-B-C.
10. (5) "Steppin' Out" — Joe Jackson.

The ten top Country-Western singles, as rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) "The Bird" — Jerry Reed.
2. (4) "A Love Song" — Kenny Rogers.
3. (5) "Marina Del Rey" — George Strait.
4. (6) "Going Where the Lonely Go" — Merle Haggard.
5. (7) "Wild and Blue" — John Anderson.
6. (10) "I Don't Remember Loving You" — John Conlee.
7. (11) "I Can't Even Get the Blues" — Reba McEntire.
8. (12) "I Wonder" — Rosanne Cash.
9. (13) "Like Nothing Ever Happened" — Sylvia.
10. (1) "Somewhere Between Right and Wrong" — Earl Thomas Conley.

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Andropov plans to visit Poland

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Soviet Communist Party Chief Yuri V. Andropov has accepted an invitation to visit Poland, extended by Polish martial law leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski at a Kremlin meeting, Radio Moscow reported Thursday.

The radio report did not give a date for the visit. It would be Andropov's first visit to Poland since taking over the party leadership Nov. 12. Andropov is expected to attend a Warsaw Pact summit in Prague scheduled for the first half of January.

The radio said that Jaruzelski informed Andropov about the "activities directed at ensuring political and economic stabilization" in Poland. Jaruzelski "highly appreciated the significance of the fraternal assistance given by the Soviet Union," the radio report said.

The two leaders "stressed the resolution of the two fraternal parties to strengthen ties in all spheres and to cooperate closely," Radio

Moscow said. Jaruzelski left for home after the Kremlin meeting.

He arrived in Moscow Tuesday to attend celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the Soviet Union. In a Wednesday speech to the Supreme Soviet, national parliament, Jaruzelski accused the United States of "doing harm to Poland wherever and whenever it can" and of trying to "dismantle the post-war settlement" worked out at Yalta and Potsdam which the Soviets claim made central and eastern Europe their sphere of influence.

His speech thanked the Soviet Union for its "invaluable" assistance in dealing with Polish internal problems.

Meanwhile, the 28-year-old eldest son of Polish Deputy Premier Nieczyslaw Rakowski, Wlodzimierz, who defected to the West with part of his family in 1980, has said here he wants to return to Poland.

In an interview with the West German

newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine*, Rakowski junior said he would be delighted to go back to see for himself what is happening "with Western eyes."

Wlodzimierz Rakowski told the West German paper he wanted to become an interpreter in Warsaw, having learned Spanish, Japanese and Chinese while in Barcelona, Spain. He said the fact that his father was the deputy premier in Poland gave him "the only chance to enter into contact with a highly-placed politician in order to discuss the Polish situation."

"I know that my father is unpopular since the banning of the Solidarity trade union, but perhaps I will be able to help him by talking directly to him, for in the last analysis my family and I have never turned away from him. He 'believed and hoped' his father, who had conducted negotiations with Solidarity, would act 'beneficially' for his fellow Poles, he added.

2 Soviet diplomats expelled

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23 (R) — Sweden Thursday ordered two Soviet diplomats to leave the country for what the foreign ministry described as activities incompatible with their diplomatic status.

The foreign ministry said Yuri Averine, consul in the western city of Gothenburg, and Piotr Skirokij, assistant military attaché at the Stockholm Embassy, had been declared persona non grata. Foreign ministry spokesman Magnus Faxen said the government would give no further information about the expulsion "for reasons of national security."

Ministry officials declined to comment on press reports that the diplomats had been involved in industrial espionage to beat a U.S. embargo on the sale of high technology to the Soviet Union, imposed because of events in Poland. They also refused to discuss reports that a third Soviet citizen was being expelled. They said non-diplomats were dealt with by the immigration authorities, who also declined comment.

The Soviet press attaché, speaking about newspaper reports which preceded the official expulsion announcement, said the whole affair was created by the mass media to damage relations between Stockholm and Moscow.

After an official meeting of the Swedish Cabinet Thursday morning Soviet Ambassador Boris Pankov was summoned to the foreign ministry to receive the expulsion order, a foreign ministry spokeswoman said. The conservative daily *Svenska Dagbladet* quoted sources at the national police headquarters as saying the diplomats were "interested in electronic components, technical ideas and details from the drawing boards of Swedish industry."

The official Soviet news agency Tass said in a dispatch Wednesday night that western Sweden, with the important industrial city of Gothenburg, was of special interest to the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). At least ten American diplomats in neutral Sweden were working for the CIA to draw Sweden into military and industrial cooperation with the Pentagon and NATO and gather detailed information, Tass said.

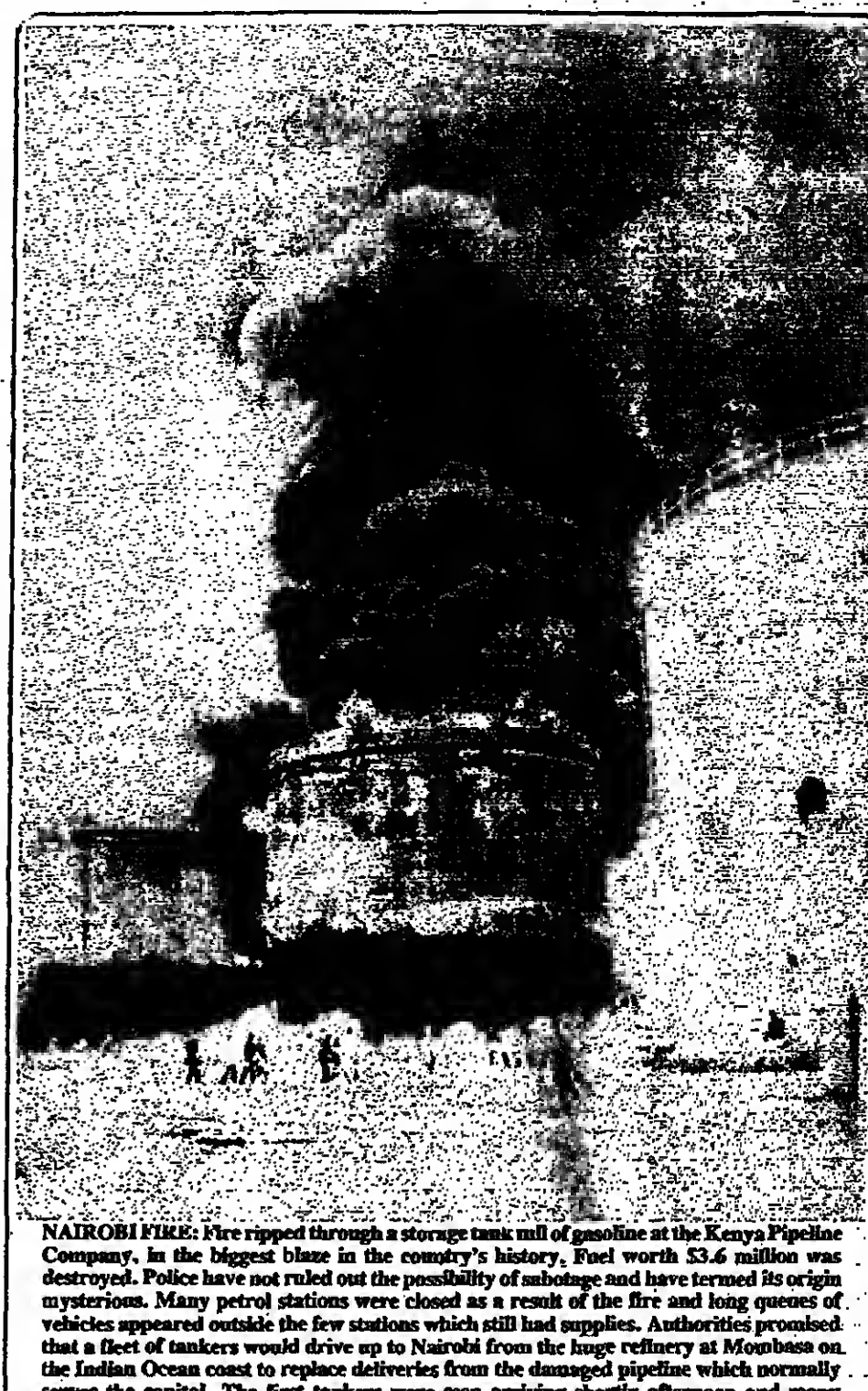
Relations between Stockholm and Moscow were severely strained last year after an intruding Soviet submarine ran aground inside Swedish territorial waters near the Karlskrona Naval Base. They had begun to improve a little but in April, Sweden expelled Soviet Vice-Consul Albert Leipa, a Latvian accused by Stockholm of trying to infiltrate Baltic emigre communities.

Life sentence sought for 34 Brigades

ROME, Dec. 23 (AFP) — An Italian prosecutor called here Wednesday for life imprisonment of 34 Red Brigades terrorists. In another trial in Milan, 11 kidnappers were sentenced to life.

Twenty-seven other members of the kidnapping gang were sentenced to terms totaling 585 years. Some of the defendants were accused of rape and murder. In the Rome trial, a total of 61 alleged leftist Red Brigades are on trial on murder charges including the 1978 killing of Aldo Moro.

In a third trial in Venice, 16 Red Brigades sentenced to long terms for the kidnapping of U.S. Gen. James Dozier are appealing. Some of their lawyers Wednesday asked the court to hear four Italian cabinet ministers who alleged in parliament Monday there were links between the Red Brigades and the Bulgarian secret service. Repentant Brigade member Antonio Savasta was in Venice as a state's witness but asked to be transferred to the Moro trial, where he said his testimony would be more useful. The appeals court rejected his request.



NAIROBI FIRE: Fire ripped through a storage tank full of gasoline at the Kenya Pipeline Company, in the biggest blaze in the country's history. Fuel worth \$3.6 million was destroyed. Police have not ruled out the possibility of sabotage and have termed its origin mysterious. Many petrol stations were closed as a result of the fire and long queues of vehicles appeared outside the few stations which still had supplies. Authorities promised that a fleet of tankers would drive up to Nairobi from the huge refinery at Mombasa on the Indian Ocean coast to replace deliveries from the damaged pipeline which normally serves the capital. The first tankers were seen arriving shortly after noon and many Kenyans lined up with jerrycans to fill up with kerosene and cooking gas.

Bulgaria denounces Italian charge

VIENNA, Dec. 23 (AP) — Bulgaria Thursday denounced Italian cabinet ministers and lawmakers for making public charges of Bulgarian involvement in the shooting of Pope John Paul II in May last year.

In a five-part article, the official BTA news agency's political commentator Yordan Bozhilov rejected the claims made last Monday in the Italian Parliament, where four cabinet ministers reported on evidence of a so-called Bulgarian connection in the attack on the pope by Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca, who is serving a life term in Italy.

Italian Defense Minister Lello Lagorio, addressing the extraordinary session of parliament, called the shooting of the pope "a protective and alternative solution to an invasion of Poland." The BTA commentary also repeated earlier Bulgarian denials of Bulgarian companies being allegedly implicated in gun running and drug trafficking in Italy and of a Bulgarian role in the kidnapping of American NATO Gen. James Dozier. It said "it is the fact that without any actual proof of these absurd accusations, members of the Italian government took the liberty of committing themselves to them, thus adding fuel to the fire of the anti-Bulgarian campaign which is still being fanned up in Italy and elsewhere in the West."

Charles and his father Prince Philip.

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Andrew invites Koo for new year

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP) — Movie actress Koo Stark has been invited by Prince Andrew to join the royal family for New Year's eve. The *Daily Express* reported Thursday.

Buckingham Palace refused to confirm or deny the report, saying it never identified private guests of Queen Elizabeth II. Under the headline "Koo goes too," the paper said Andrew, 22, who took a much-publicized Caribbean holiday with the actress in October, had asked Miss Stark to join his family in the new year at the queen's Sandringham Estate in Norfolk.

The paper said Miss Stark, 26, had been invited to join the royal party toward the end of next week and will be given a huge guest suite at the 274-room estate. "She will be expected to join the royals for dinner each night," the *Daily Express* said, adding she has also been invited to go pheasant-shooting with Andrew, his elder brother Prince

Charles and his father Prince Philip.

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Mitterrand's foes unite for civic poll

PARIS, Dec. 23 (R) — France's ruling Socialist and Communist parties have signed pact to fight together in coming municipal elections which will be a major test for President Francois Mitterrand's government.

Party leaders Wednesday night agreed a list of towns where Socialist and Communist candidates would not stand against each other to avoid splitting the left's vote. Political sources said the agreement, reached after long and delicate negotiations, bound the Communists to continued participation in the government despite recent dissatisfaction with some socialist policies.

The results of municipal elections, to be held over two rounds in March, will be regarded as a verdict on the performances of the government and its economic austerity program. Political commentators said the Socialists were particularly determined to maintain the unity of the left in the face of preparations by right-wing opposition parties to mount a big challenge in the elections.

The share-out of towns was based in principle on the performance of the two parties in the 1981 presidential and legislative elections in which the Socialists made significant advances and Communist support declined.

Five killed as storm hits western U.S.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Heavy storms lashed the western United States Wednesday, leaving five persons dead and some two million temporarily without electricity.

Hardest hit were the states of California, Washington, Nevada and Arizona, where winds of up to 150 kph tore down power lines and toppled pylons. San Francisco's golden gate bridge was closed to traffic for the first time since 1951. Strong winds also ripped down a two-million volt power line, triggering an extensive blackout throughout California and causing San Francisco's famed trolleybuses to grind to a halt.

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Extremists ambush, kill five Indians

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (AP) — Armed extremists ambushed a police jeep escorting a transport bus Thursday in remote Tripura state, northeast India, and killed five persons, the United News of India reported.

Three policemen were among the victims, the agency said. The extremists earlier fired on a passing truck in the same jungle area in the northern part of the state and injured a man in it.

They then waited for the bus to pass, shot up the jeep and made off with the policemen's arms, including light machineguns, and a large amount of ammunition, it said.

\$370m lottery prizes dropped on Spain's drought-hit area

MADRID, Dec. 23 (R) — "El Gordo" (the fat one), Spain's \$370 million lottery, showered drought-stricken southwest Spain with prize-money Wednesday from what is said to be the biggest lottery of its type in the world.

Five hundred telephone workers in Seville scooped up about \$50 million after clubbing together to buy tickets and altogether the city accounted for almost \$67 million, of prize money. But the biggest single winner appeared to be a Madrid man who bought a \$197 ticket carrying the magic number 21,515 and collected (\$1.97 million).

The lottery dealer who sold the ticket said the winner was a 35-year-old man but would not reveal his name. As soon as the winning number came up, a task force of reporters swamped lucky towns searching for winners of the complicated lottery. Forty-one tickets bear the top prize number and they can be divided into portions as small as 100 pesetas (less than \$1). Most of them went to Seville, five to the Canary Islands and one each to

Madrid and Malaga. Nearly all of them were sold in small portions.

Throughout the morning, millions of Spaniards clung with rapt attention to live broadcasts of young Orphan boys chanting out ticket numbers and prizes as they picked numbered balls out of great metal cages. The tickets which ended up in the southern province of Andalusia started off in the Canary Islands. A lottery dealer there sent 34 of his 39 tickets to relatives in Seville for them to sell. His father, Juan Vicjo, kept part of the tickets but has not disclosed his winnings. His son kept none.

Companies and offices traditionally club together for tickets and news trickled in all through the day of workers and secretaries who had been launched to fortune and fleeting fame on the numerous prizes of around \$79,000.

There were also the inevitable heartbreaks, mainly for sellers who failed to keep a ticket for themselves.

Korean rebel Kim leaves for U.S.

SEOUL, Dec. 23 (R) — Leading South Korean dissident Kim Dae-jung, spared from the gallows only last year, left Thursday for the United States, and probable exile, amid extraordinary security precautions.

The 57-year-old former presidential candidate had been isolated from all except his immediate family since his transfer Dec. 16 to Seoul Hospital from the prison cell where he had been serving a 20-year term for sedition. A security official confirmed that the justice ministry had suspended his sentence at midnight Wednesday.

The suspension can be revoked at any time at the discretion of the authorities — possibly meaning that if Kim criticizes the government

while abroad, his hopes of returning home a free man would be dashed. He was sentenced to death for his alleged role in an uprising in the provincial capital of Kwangju in 1980 in which 189 persons died. This was commuted to life imprisonment the following year and later to 20 years.

When Kim was removed from prison to hospital, government officials said President Chun Doo Hwan would extend his humanitarian gesture to allow the dissident to go to the U.S. for medical treatment for arthritis.

Kim has been one of the most consistent critics of the right-wing governments that have dominated the political scene in South Korea since Gen. Park Chung-hee staged his coup in 1961 and became president. Running against Gen. Park in the last direct vote presidential elections in 1971, Kim took 45 percent of the votes.

No official announcement was made ahead of his departure Thursday but reporters and photographers gathered at the hospital where plainclothes security men kept them away from the wing in which Kim had been under constant surveillance.

Japan sees positive attitude by Moscow

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe said Thursday Moscow was taking a positive attitude toward Japan and Soviet foreign policy under the Communist Party leader, Yuri Andropov was largely conciliatory.

Answering an opposition question in parliament, Abe said "judging from a thawing mood over the disarmament problem and relations between China and the Soviet Union, Soviet diplomacy on the whole is conciliatory." He said signs of Moscow's attitude toward Tokyo were the two countries' agreement earlier this month to maintain the year's fishing quotas in each other's 200 mile zones in 1983, and Moscow's recent promise to release the 29 Japanese fishermen now held by Soviet authorities.

He added that the Soviet Union had also welcomed a planned visit to Moscow by large delegation of Japanese fishermen next February. Japan wanted to maintain a develop friendly relations with the Soviet Union without useless confrontations, he said.

Meanwhile in Washington, the U.S. Senate, before going into its year-end recess Tuesday night in effect summoned Japan to increase its military outlay effective immediately.

The summons presaged a difficult time for new Japanese premier when he visits the U.S. for the first time next month. The language used by the Senate was blunt: Japan, it said "should immediately increase its annual defense expenditures to the levels required for its forces to deploy fully by 1990 and an effective conventional self-defense capability, including the capacity to carry out its policy... of defending its sea lanes of communication."

The resolution also demanded that Tokyo assume "a significantly larger share of the total annual overall operating costs of the U.S. forces in Japan."

3 Britons get jail terms for gun smuggling

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP) — Three British businessmen who pleaded guilty to smuggling hundreds of guns to Libyan embassies in Europe and North Africa received suspended jail sentences Thursday in London's Old Bailey Criminal Court.

Prosecutor Alastair Hill said arms dealer Barry Howson and two associates were part of an elaborate plan to supply Libyan embassies with more than 500 handguns, thousands of rounds of ammunition and silencers worth almost \$145,000.

One of the guns Howson supplied was carried by two Libyans who killed a Libyan journalist on April 11, 1980, as he left a mosque in London's Regent's Park, the prosecutor said. Three other guns he supplied to the Libyans were found by Swiss police in a terrorist arms cache in 1981. Howson, 46, who originally pleaded innocent but changed his plea to guilty during the trial, received a suspended 15-month sentence for conspiring to supply guns illegally to Libya.

Travel agent Peter Amos, 52, was given a six-month suspended sentence and fined \$1,610. Derek Moore, 28, general manager of a firm of forwarding agents at London's Heathrow Airport, received a four-month suspended sentence and fined \$403.

All the jail sentences were suspended for a two-year probationary period. Judge Michael Lydney described Howson as a "confidence man and adventurer" but added: "I think you had no intention or foresight that these weapons would be used for offensive purposes or for the advancement of terrorism."

Brazilian president to tour China, Japan

BRASILIA, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Brazilian President Joao Figueiredo will visit China and Japan during 1983, it was announced here Thursday.

No dates were given but Gen. Figueiredo's visit to China will be "essentially political" while that to Japan will concentrate on economic issues, a presidential palace official said. Japan has invested heavily in Brazil over the last few years, particularly in the agricultural and mining sectors. It is also one of Brazil's major creditors.

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Bahrain	11	52	16	61	cloudy	Miami	15	59	23	73
Bangkok	17	63	28	82	clear	Montreal	-13	9	-8	18
Beirut	10	50	18	64	clear	Moscow	2	36	4	39
Belgrade	11	52	15	59	cloudy	New Delhi	8	46	24	75
Berlin	2	36	2	36	rain	New York	1	34	5	41
Buenos Aires	0	32	4	39	clear	Nicosia	8	46	16	61
Calcutta	20	68	29	84	clear	Oaxaca	-5	23	3	37
Cairo	9	48	19	66	clear	Paris	0	32	3	41
Caracas	20	68	28	82	clear	Peking	-2	28	4	39
Chengdu	-4	25	9	48	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	19	66	34	93
Copenhagen	2	36	5	41	cloudy	Rome	11	52	13	55
Dublin	2	36	8	46	rain	San Francisco	10	50	16	61
Frankfurt	1	34	5	41	rain	Seoul	0	32	4	39
Geneva	-2	28	6	43	clear	Singapore	23	73	28	82
Helsinki	4	39	4	39	cloudy	Stockholm	3	37	5	41
Hong Kong	14	57	19	66	cloudy	Sydney	18	64	26	79
Jakarta	23	73	30	86	cloudy	Taipei	12	54	22	72
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	clear	Tokyo	6	43	17	63
London	-1	30	4	39	clear	Toronto	-2	28	-1	30
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